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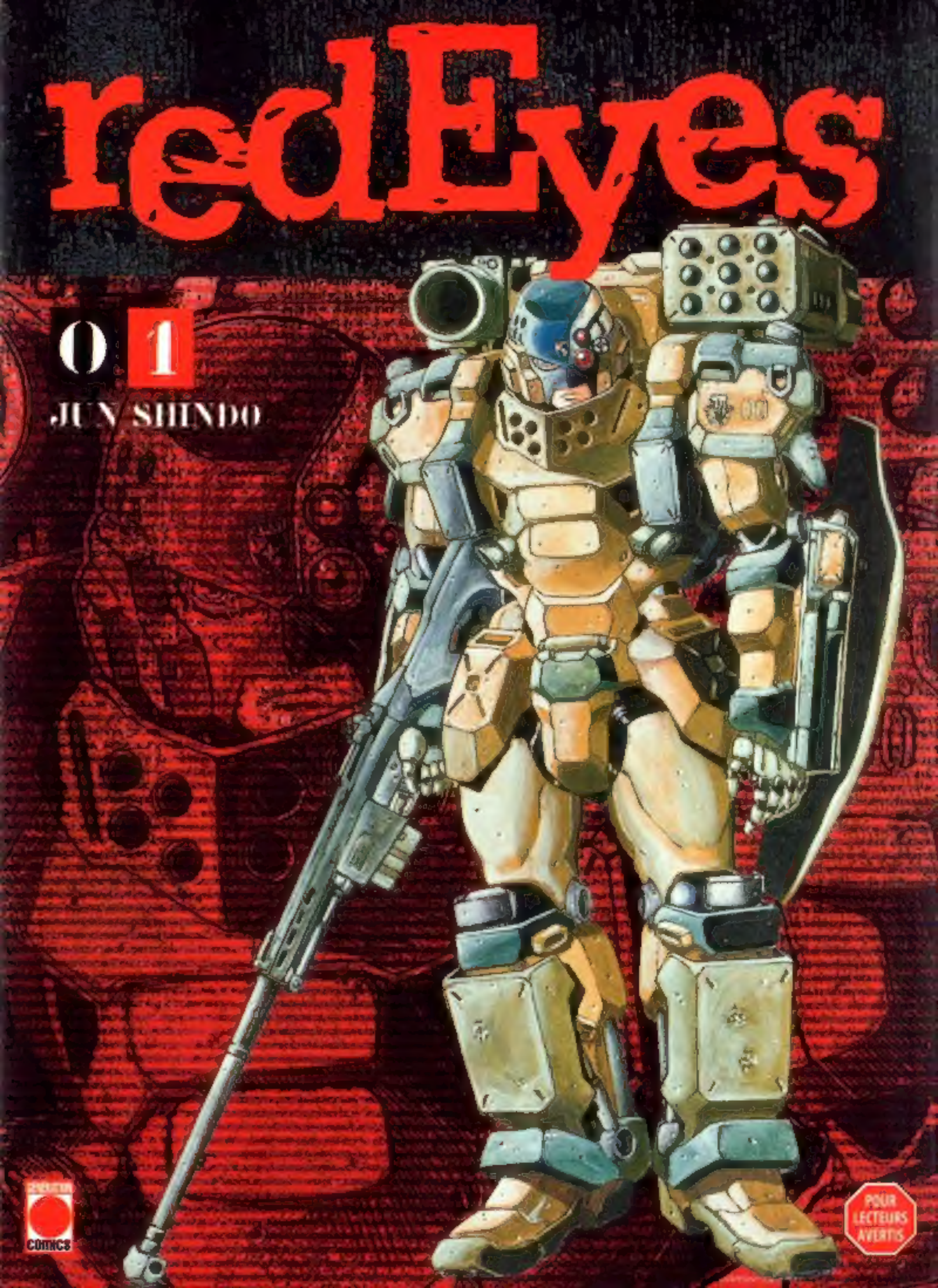

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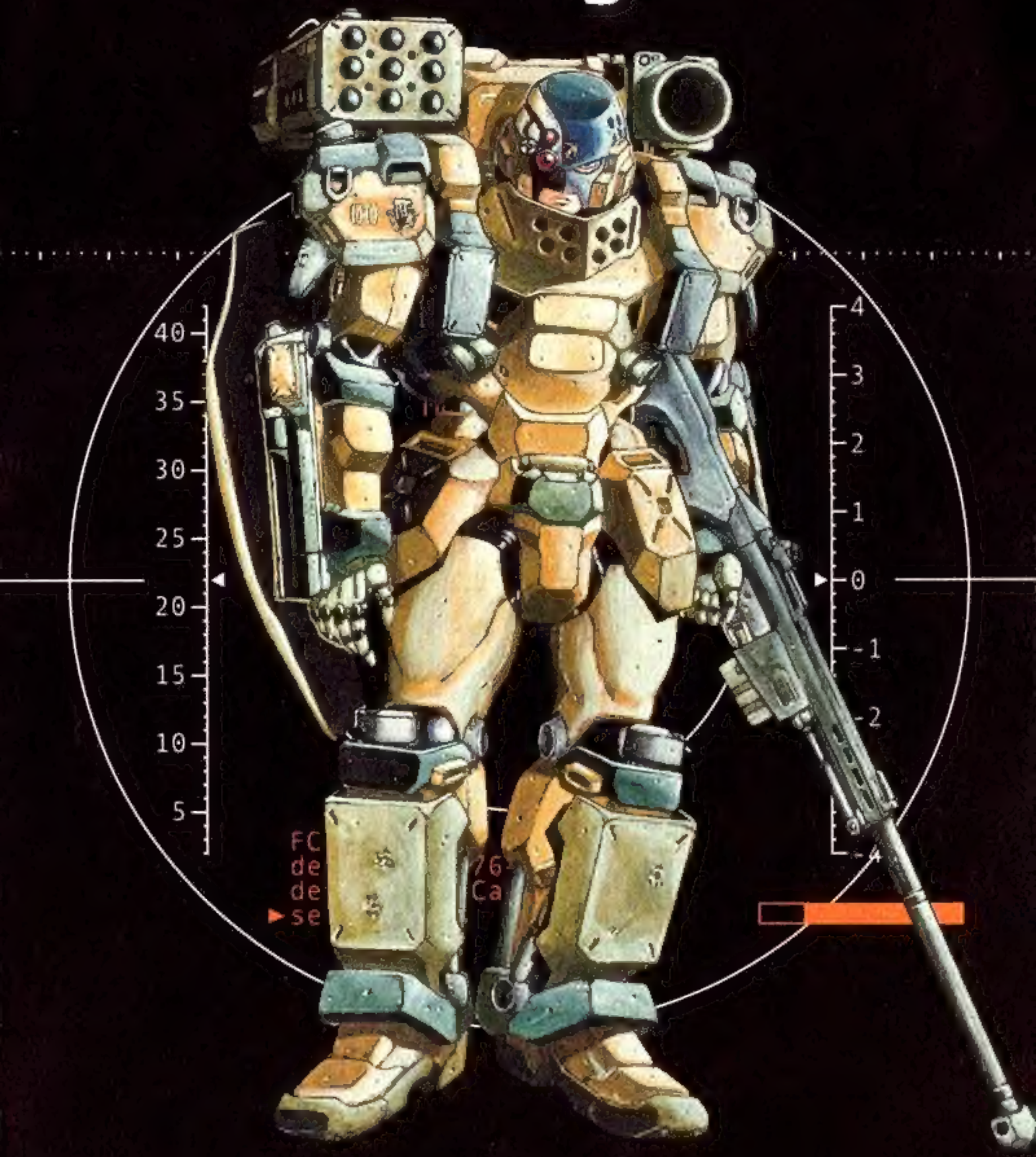
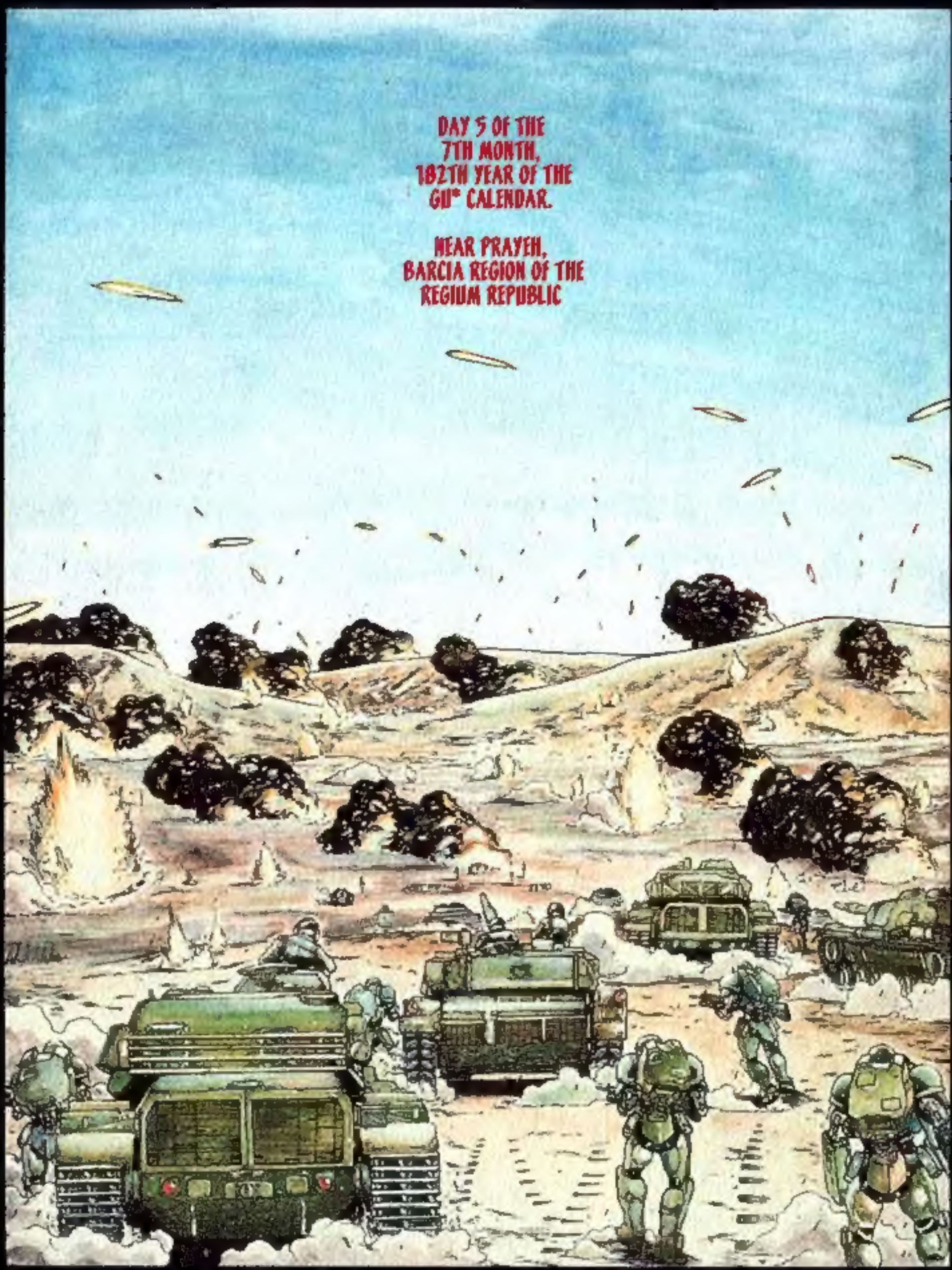


ON SUCH
LARGE
SCALES,
WHAT VALUE
DOES THE LIFE
OF A SINGLE
SOLDIER
HOLD?

DAY 5 OF THE
7TH MONTH,
182TH YEAR OF THE
GU* CALENDAR.

NEAR PRAYEH,
BARCIA REGION OF THE
REGIUM REPUBLIC

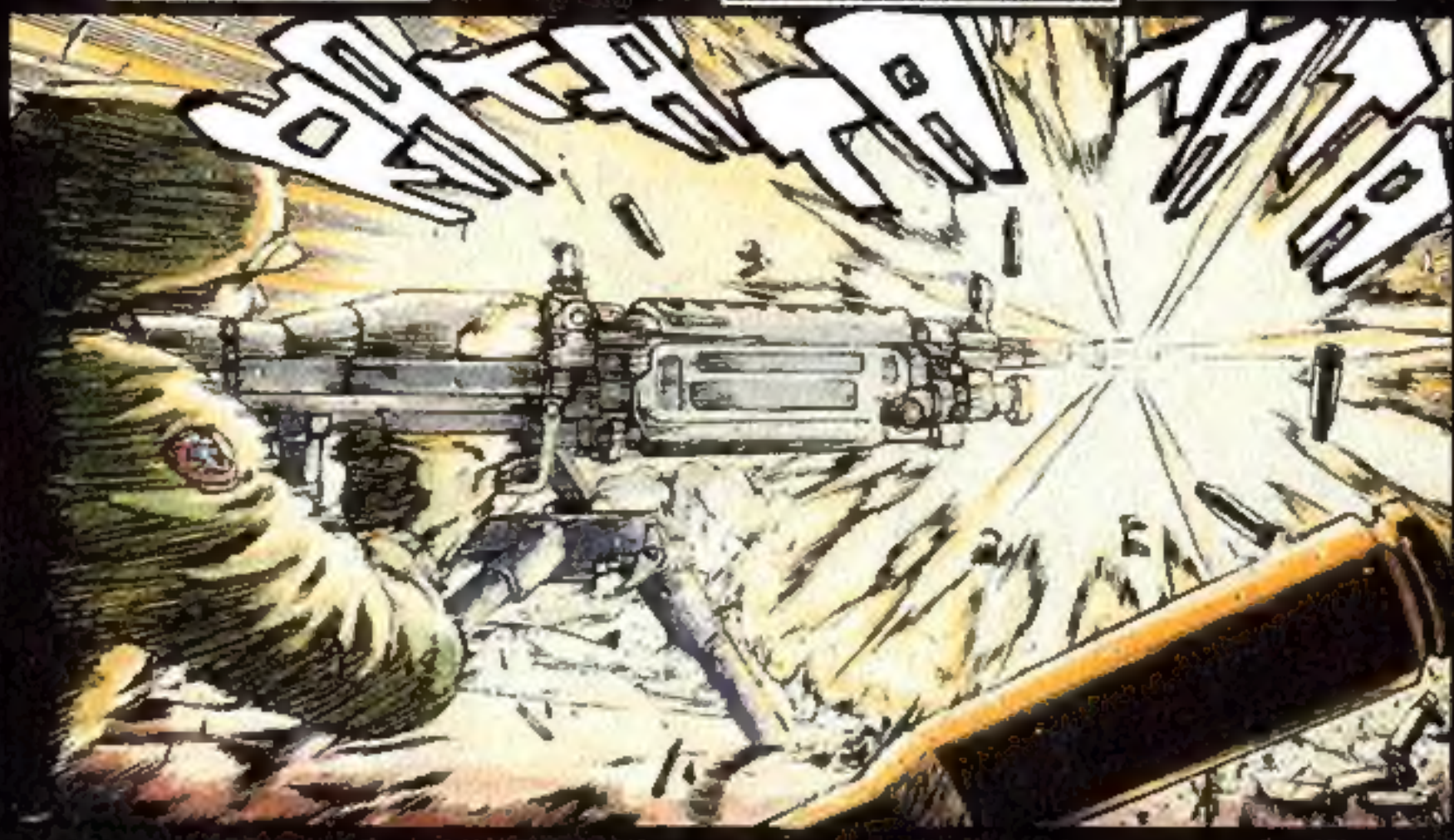


*GREAT UNIFICATION'S CALENDAR

COMMUNICATIONS, DESTROYED DURING THE GENERAL RETREAT WAS NEVER RE-ESTABLISHED.

THE FRONTLINES OF REGIUM'S ARMY HAD BEEN ANNIHILATED BY FEDERATION TROOPS. THE ATTACK HAD BEEN LAUNCHED ON THE 22ND OF THE PREVIOUS MONTH.

THE FINAL PHASE OF THE REPUBLICAN ARMY'S DEFENSE.



...OUR SOLDIERS DON'T FIGHT FOR FAMILY, FRIENDS OR EVEN COUNTRY ANYMORE. NOW THEY JUST FIGHT TO SURVIVE, EVEN IF IT DOESN'T MAKE SENSE ANYMORE...

A DETAILED COMBAT REPORT, OBTAINED FROM THE REGIUM 107TH INFANTRY DIVISION, DESCRIBED ON IT'S FINAL PAGE THE FOLLOWING:

"THE BATTLE WAS ONE OF DESPERATION. WITH THE MAJORITY OF OUR OFFENSIVES FAILING, THE TROOPS HAD REGROUPED AND RALLIED TO SLOW THE ENEMY'S ADVANCE. SCATTERED IN MULTIPLE SMALL UNITS, THEY CONTINUED TO OFFER POINTS OF RESISTANCE. HOWEVER, MOST REGIMENTS HAD LITTLE MORE THAN ONE OR TWO HEAVY MACHINEGUNS, AND THUS WERE ONLY ABLE TO PUT UP A TOKEN RESITANCE, AT THE MOST HARRASSING THEM FOR A FEW KILOMETERS AT A TIME. A TRUELY INSIGNIFICANT OPPOSITION AGAINST THE MIGHT OF THE DRAGNOV FEDERATION'S ARMY...

MAIN GUN LOADED! FIRING SOLUTION READY!

DIRECTION : 1 O'CLOCK; TARGET: ENEMY TANK; RELATIVE DISTANCE: 1200 METERS BY LASER RANGEFINDER

FIRE !!

...THAT WAS WHERE THE FATE OF THE REPUBLIC OF REGIUM RESTED.

A 100 KILOMETERS NORTH OF THE CAPITAL, SOLGRENNE.

BOOM BOOM

BOOM

BOOM

ZAHYA

SH

RA TA TA

VOOSH

BOOM

F COMPANY HEADQUARTERS,
1072ND INFANTRY REGIMENT.

...THE CAPTAIN'S DEAD. IT'S LIEUTENANT KEITH HERE. WE'RE DONE FOR.. THE ENEMY'S ARMORED TROOPS ARE STILL HEADING SOUTH.

THE...

...HAH...

...PHH...

HEY FOX! WHO'S LEADING THE COMPANY?

TAA TAA

LEMON-FOX... RE... REPORTING IN...

CAPTAIN, WHAT'S YOUR STATUS?! CAPTAIN, ANSWER ME!!

WHAT!?.. YOU'RE ASKING FOR A WRITTEN COPY OF THE ORDER!? ARE YOU JOKING?!

THE ENEMY ARE TOO NUMEROUS! WE CAN'T HOLD THE LINE ANYMORE! WE MUST FALL BACK!

THE FRONTLINE'S BEEN BROKEN! ENEMY TANKS HAVE PENETRATED AT POINT "B34"!

HELLO, SUPPLY? WE'VE RUN OUTTA AMMO! BRING US SOME, HURRY!

THE SQUAD-RON HAS BEEN ANNIHI-LATED

OUR BATTAL-ION IS STRUGGLING AS WELL. IMPOSSIBLE TO SEND REINFORCE-MENTS. WE MUST DO SOMETHING!

DRAGNOV FEDERATION GROUND FORCES
VANGUARD, FIRST SQUARDRON OF THE 691ST ARMORED GRENADIER REGIMENT

VRAAM

I'M COUNTING ON YOU, SUB-LIEU-TENANT WAYNE!

WE'RE GOING TO STORM THE TRENCH DIRECT AHEAD OF US!

FIRE THE SMOKE GRE-NADES!

BOOM BUDM RATATATA ZARCSH

THE SQUADRON NUMBERS ARE DETERMINED BY THEIR REGIMENTAL ORDER.
I.E THE FIRST SQUADRON IS PART OF THE FIRST BATTALION.

?!! WHUIII

THEY'VE FIRED THE SMOKE ROUNDS! THEY'RE GONNA BE HERE SOON!

FIRE !!

FIRE AT WILL !!

SHIT! THEY'RE COMING IN AT HIGH SPEED!

SAA, MANUFACTURED BY THE "GAYE ARMS FABRIC" SOCIETY. MODEL FR-4, "VALME" TYPE.

SAA: SPECIAL ASSAULT ARMOR.
ALL SOLDIERS EQUIPPED WITH THIS ARMOR ARE CALLED "HEAVY" UNITS.
FOR MORE DETAILS, READ THE FILES AT THE END OF THE VOLUME.

RA'A'TA'TA'TA'TA

FIRST BATTALION'S RESERVE PLATOON,
REGIUM 107ЗRD INFANTRY REGIMENT.
COMBAT SECTOR A2

RATATATATA

WUISH

KUM

WHU!!!

WA'A'A'M

WHUUUU

KABLAM

AAAAHHHH !!!

RA TA TA TA TA

GAAAAHH!!

AAHH!!

VOOOSH

RATATATA

BWOM

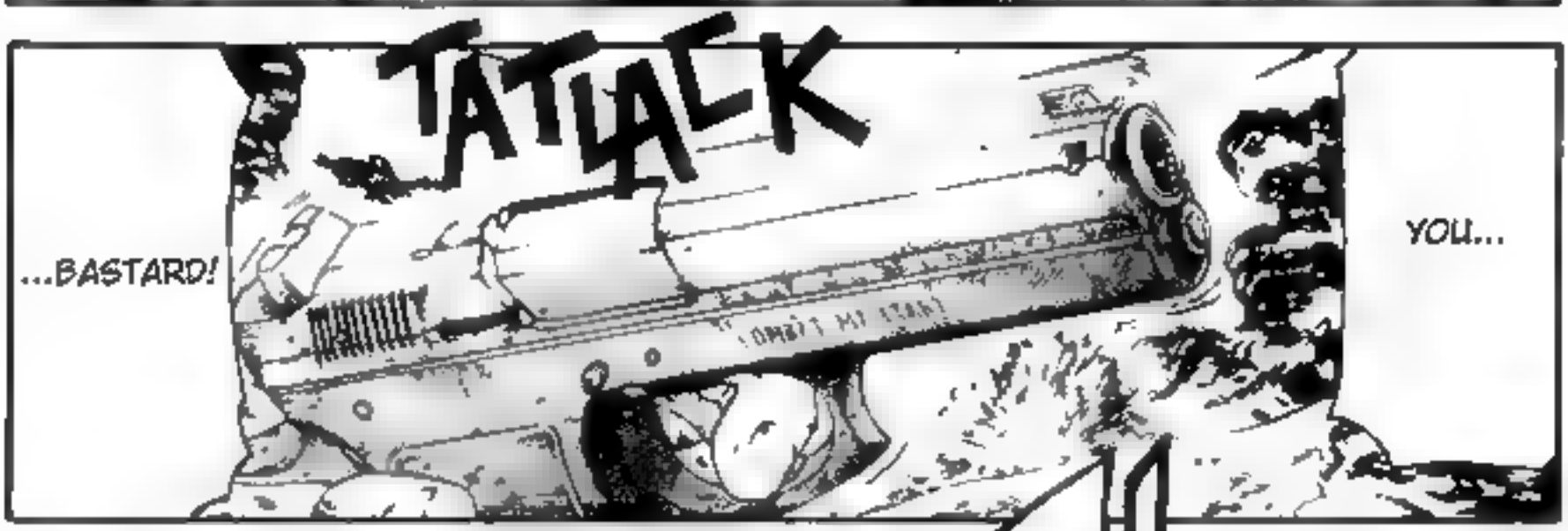
I LOST MY ARM!!

MY ARM ...

OH GOD ...

RATATATA

ZAN


TATTACK
...BASTARD!
YOU...

KRAK!!!
GIVE IT BACK!
MY ARM!

PWACKPWOCK

PWOK
WHHIII
SASH

..
HEH
...

VOOSH

... YOU'RE GOING TO GIVE IT BACK? YES?

HE HE... HE HE HE...

RA TA TA TA TA

F
E

TACK

BOOM

VOSH

RA TA TA-TA

BOOM

7TH SQUADRON, 82ND ARMORED REGIMENT
DRAGNOV FEDERATION ARMY
ACCOMPANIED BY A PLATOON OF "HEAVY" INFANTRY

2ND PLATOON 1073RD INFANTRY REGIMENT
REGIUM REPUBLIC ARMY COMBAT SECTOR A23

BLAM

BLAM

AND WHERE DO WE RETREAT TO!? SOLGRENNE?!

SERGEANT, THIS SECTOR IS DONE FOR! WE MUST RETREAT!

I KNOW IT AS WELL AS YOU DO... BUT WE ARE THE LAST LINE OF DEFENSE

BESIDES, IF THE ENEMY WERE TO ATTACK THEN, WE DON'T HAVE ANY SUPPORT TO COVER US...

TUMP

DAMN IT!

I DON'T WANT TO DIE HERE...

WHERE ARE OUR TANKS? WHERE ARE THE 120MM'S THAT WERE SUPPOSED TO GIVE US SUPPORT FIRE?

WHAT ABOUT THE AIR FORCE?... AGAINST ARMORED DIVISIONS, WHAT CAN WE POOR INFANTRYMEN HOPE TO DO?!

WAR

EEHH!

WHAT THE HELL!? A FRIENDLY PLANE? FLYING SO LOW!?

IT'S THEM...!

THEY'VE REALLY COME TO HELP US!!

DID YOU SEE THE EMBLEM!?

?!

GET A LOAD OF THAT, THEY LOOK JUST ABOUT READY TO BREAK AND RUN AT THE SIGHT OF THE DEATH KNIGHTS!

NOW APPROACHING DROP ZONE.

THE UNIT REPORTS DIRECTLY TO THE MAIN DIVISION HQ. THEY ARE THE ELITE OF [redacted] FORCES. BECAUSE OF THE ARMOR THEY WEAR, THEY'RE ALSO KNOWN AS THE "RED EYES".

WHOOM

LIKE A PACK OF RAVENOUS WOLVES, THEY ARE CALLED THE 'MERCILESS DEATH' FEARED BY BOTH FRIEND AND FOE...

...JACKALS!!

3...
2...

DROP ZONE SIGHTED!
COUNTING DOWN...

...GOOOO!!

1...

GOOOO!!

SKWIM

SWOOO

TOUCH-DOWN!!

PWOO

BLOOD

BRAIN

WHIT

LIEUTENANT KRAYZ! INITIATE THE PLAN AND LEAD THE TROOPS TO SECTOR A38 TO NEUTRALIZE THE ENEMY ARMOR THERE!

EVERY JACKAL MUST COMPLETE HIS OBJECTIVE!

AS USUAL, I'LL ACT ALONE...

01 - ACKNOW-LEDGED!

ONCE MISSION OBJECTIVES HAVE BEEN COMPLETED, REGROUP AT THE RALLY POINT FOR EXTRACTION BY TRANSPORT HELI.

MOVE OUT!

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STORY AND ART

JUN SHINDO

1 : THE JACKALS

WELL.. THEY MAY BE A LITTLE EXAGERATED, BUT CERTAINLY NOT FABRICATED...

SO THESE ARE THE FAMED "DEATH KNIGHTS"? BUT, THERE'S ONLY EIGHT OF THEM! I WONDER IF THE PROPAGANDA DEPARTMENT EXAGERATES THEIR ACHIEVEMENTS A BIT, YOU THINK?

THEIR ARMOR, MOBILITY AND STRENGTH ARE UNMATCHED ON THE BATTLEFIELD. ALSO, THEY CARRY HEAVY ASSAULT WEAPONS, THEY DEAL OUT A HELL OF ALOT OF DAMAGE.

PRATATATATATA

LOOK AT THEIR SAA... IT'S A SPECIAL MODEL ASSIGNED TO ONLY A HANDFUL OF ELITE FIGHTERS. THEY'RE ON A TOTALLY DIFFERENT LEVEL FROM THE OTHER MASS-PRODUCED WEAPONS AND SAA.

SAA FABRICATED BY *A.G.I. ASP-177E, "SWASHBUCKLER" TYPE

...COULD BE THE ONE WHOSE WILL DRIVES IT.

OR... THE REAL MONSTERS ...

WHU BOOM

IN TERMS OF FIREPOWER, EACH OF THEM IS EQUIVALENT TO A MAIN BATTLE TANK. FURHERMORE, THEY'VE GOT INCREDIBLE MOBILITY... THEY SURPASS ALL CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS. THEY'RE REAL MONSTERS!

*AYRIEL GANNER INDUSTRIES

THEY HAVE PLACED THEIR FATE IN THE DEVIL'S HANDS, ON THE BATTLEFIELD... THEY HAVE TAKEN BEING A SOLDIER TO THE EXTREME LIMITS, CONSIDERING CARNAGE AND DESTRUCTION TO BE THEIR ENTIRE EXISTANCE.

THESE ELITE SOLDIERS ARE HAND PICKED FROM DIFFERENT CORPS OF THE ARMED FORCES. THEY THEN GO THROUGH THE HARSHEST TRAINING REGIMEN IMAGINEABLE, BEFORE BEING SUBJECTED TO THE HELL OF THE BATTLE FRONT. SHOULD THEY SURVIVE BATTLE IN ALL IT'S FORMS, THEY BECOME WHAT WE SEE TODAY.

WHUH!!!

THOUGH HE IS JACKAL SQUAD'S COMMANDER, HE ALWAYS ROAMS THE BATTLEFIELD ALONE, SEPERATE FROM THE PACK.

AMONGST THEM, THERE IS A MAN...

...IS CAPTAIN GRAHAD MILLS!

THE KILLING MACHINE, THAT KNOWS NEITHER FEAR NOR PITY...

IT WAS TO THE WEST OF KHUGAL, ON A TOTALLY ROUTED FRONT, LIKE TH S ONE.

I'VE SEEN HIM IN ACTION ONCE BEFORE ...

THE DIVISION I WAS IN WAS TOTALLY SURROUNDED. HEARING THE CONTINUAL 12. 7MM FIRE, I THOUGHT MY TIME WAS UP...

OUR BATTALION COMMAND HAD BEEN DECIMATED AND OUR SQUADRONS WERE CUT OFF FROM EACH OTHER.

AS THEY USUALLY DO, THE DRAGNOVS HAD ASSAULT TANKS AND A SQUAD OF HEAVY INFANTRY AS THEIR VANGUARD

AND, AS UNBELIEVEABLE AS IT MIGHT SOUND...

THE "REIN-FORCE-MENTS" ARRIVED...

AND THEN ...

IT WAS A LONE SOLDIER, THOUGH HE WAS ARMORED ...

...LITERALLY DESTROYED BY HIMSELF...

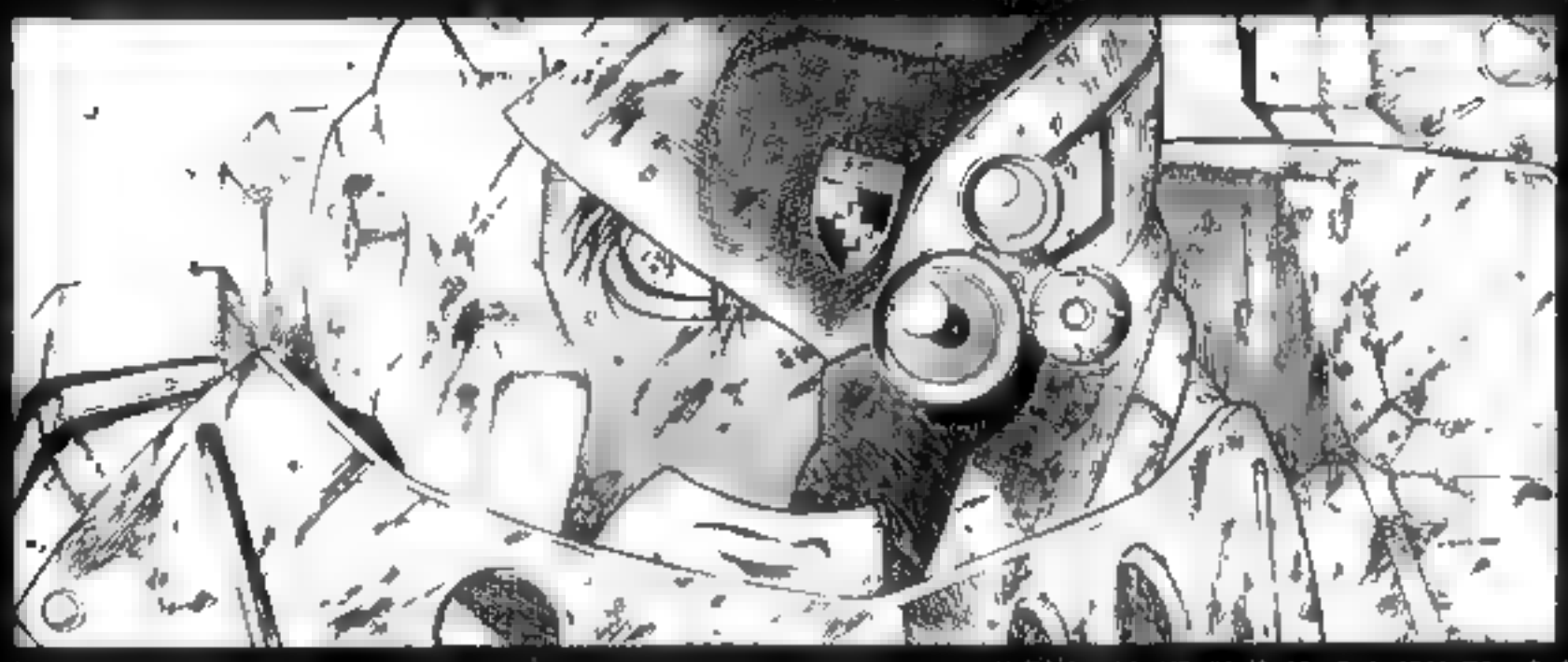
THE LONE ARMORED SOLDIER...

AN ENTIRE DRAGNOV SQUADRON!

THE SOLDIERS AT THE FRONTLINE HAD GIVEN HIM A NICKNAME, GIVEN WITH RESPECT LACED WITH FEAR...

IT WAS HIM, THE JACKAL TROOP'S CHIEF, CAPTAIN GRAHAD MILLS.

FROM AN ANCIENT GREEK WORD WHICH MEANT "TOTAL SLAUGHTER"



THE NICKNAME, IT'S ...

"GENOCIDE".

GENOCIDE?

I KNEW HE WAS ON OUR SIDE, BUT I COULDN'T STOP SHAKING...

THE ENEMY HAS BEEN ROUTED! NOW'S THE TIME!

BOOM

LOOK!

ATTACK

LET'S GO, SER-GEANT!

MAY GOD PROTECT THE SOLDIERS OF LEGTOS!!

RATATATA

STRAIGHT AHEAD, AND NO HESITATION!

LEGTOS. THE ETHNIC GROUP THAT REPRESENTS 70% OF THE REGIUM REPUBLIC'S INHABITANTS IN THIS COUNTRY, ONE CAN COUNT 20% OF ESTHONIANS AND A LITTLE NUMBER OF BERRES AS WELL.

RATATA

SOUTH OF PRAYEN,
COMBAT SECTOR A38

BLAM

BUM

KABLAM

RATATATA

KA-BLOM

SHIT, SHIT AND SHIT!!

IT'S OVER, KENNETH! WE'RE SUR-ROUNDED!

ZASH

BA-BOOM

?!

WHO

IT'S OUR SAA!

KENNETH, IT'S THE REIN-FORCE-MENTS!

WHAT THE HELL IS GOING ON?

WE'RE DAMN LUCKY!

THEY CAME TO RESCUE THE REAR-GUARD!

NO, STOP!!

?!

WHOOM

WE'RE ON THE SAME SIIIIIDE!

GAAAHH !!

WHOOO

ZASH

VOOSH

HAA

AAH ..

WHY... DID YOU.... SHOOT US?!!

GHHH ..

YOU... YOU MADE... A MISTAKE!

AAHHH

HAAH

ON THIS BATTLEFIELD, FOR US...

NO, IT WASN'T A MISTAKE ...

SUB-COMMANDER OF THE JACKALS, LIEUTENANT JULIAN KRAYZ

HAAH..

RHAAH..

NO, STOP! I BEG YOU! WE'RE ON THE SAME SIDE!

PLEASE!

...THERE ARE NO ALLIES!

BADOOM

BOM

BOM

AT THE SAME TIME
COMBAT SECTOR A23

ZA ZA ZA ZA

RA TA TA

ONLY ONE? DOES HE WANT TO SURRENDER?

ONE ENEMY SAA INCOMING!

DOES HE HAVE A DEATHWISH? KILL HIM!

HE'S OPENED FIRE! HE'S LOOKING FOR A F GHT!

KABOOM

KABOOM

SWOOSH

HE AVOIDED THE BLAST!

WHEW!

HE'S COUNTER-ATTACKING!

BOOM

NEVER FEAR! WITH OUR 120MM CANNON, I'LL DEFINATELY KILL HIM WITH THE NEXT SHOT!

HE HAS KILLED OUR ENTIRE ESCORT IN ONE ATTACK!!

HE'S SO FAST!!

DAMN IT!

STAG' TRADEMARK REGISTERED BY THE STAG SOCIETY THIS NOUN HAS BECOME THE GENERIC NOUN FOR ALL THE TRACKS OF THIS TYPE

PRECISELY AT 6 O'CLOCK, JUST BEHIND US!

WHERE IS HE?

TARZAN

HURRY! HURRYYYY!

YES !!

TURN THE TURRET TO FACE HIM!

WHUH WUH

WOHO

WHIP!

KSA AA

KSH SA A

HURRY!!!

ONE...

HELP

BAM
BLOOD

KLUNK

SHIT!

Warning! Warning! Electrical overload in traction circuit subsystem. Critical temperature reached in E7 heatsink. Forced cooling of weapon systems at 80%

Countdown initiating. System restoration in:

WHIRR

LET'S FINISH HIM!!

5...

...HE'S IN THE FORCED COOLING PHASE!

4...

2...

HEYYY!

1...

RELOAD THE LASER-GUIDED CANNON!

3...

FIRE!!

RECOVERY!

WAR

WH

...DID WE GET H.M?

CONFIRM IMMEDI-ATELY!

RATATA

HEP

HEAT SOURCE CONFIRMED!! HE'S STI... ALIVE!!

!!

BIP BIP

!?!

KIYA!!

STOP HIM!

HE ISN'T HUMAN!

YOU DRAGNOV'S PUPPETS!

TWO!

DIE!

AND THREE!

BOM

HE'S THE DEVIL INCAR-NATE...

BLAM

WHH

FLUSH

HE'S JUST A HUMAN, NOT SOME SUPER-NATURAL CREATURE!

BUT, CHIEF...

STOP SHAKING LIKE THAT!!

IN ANY CASE, HE'S CERTAIN-Y...

KIN

BUT, PERHAPS A TRUE DEVIL WOULD BE MORE HUMAN ...

ON THE BATTLEFIELD, HE'S LIKE DEATH HIMSELF!

...THE STRONGEST SOLDIER IN REGIUM'S ARMY.

THEY DIDN'T NAME HIM 'GENOCIDE' FOR NOTHING!

HE MUST HAVE USED ALL HIS ANTI-TANK MISSILES...

HE'S ABOUT 400 METERS FROM US, AND HE'S NOT MOVING AT ALL.

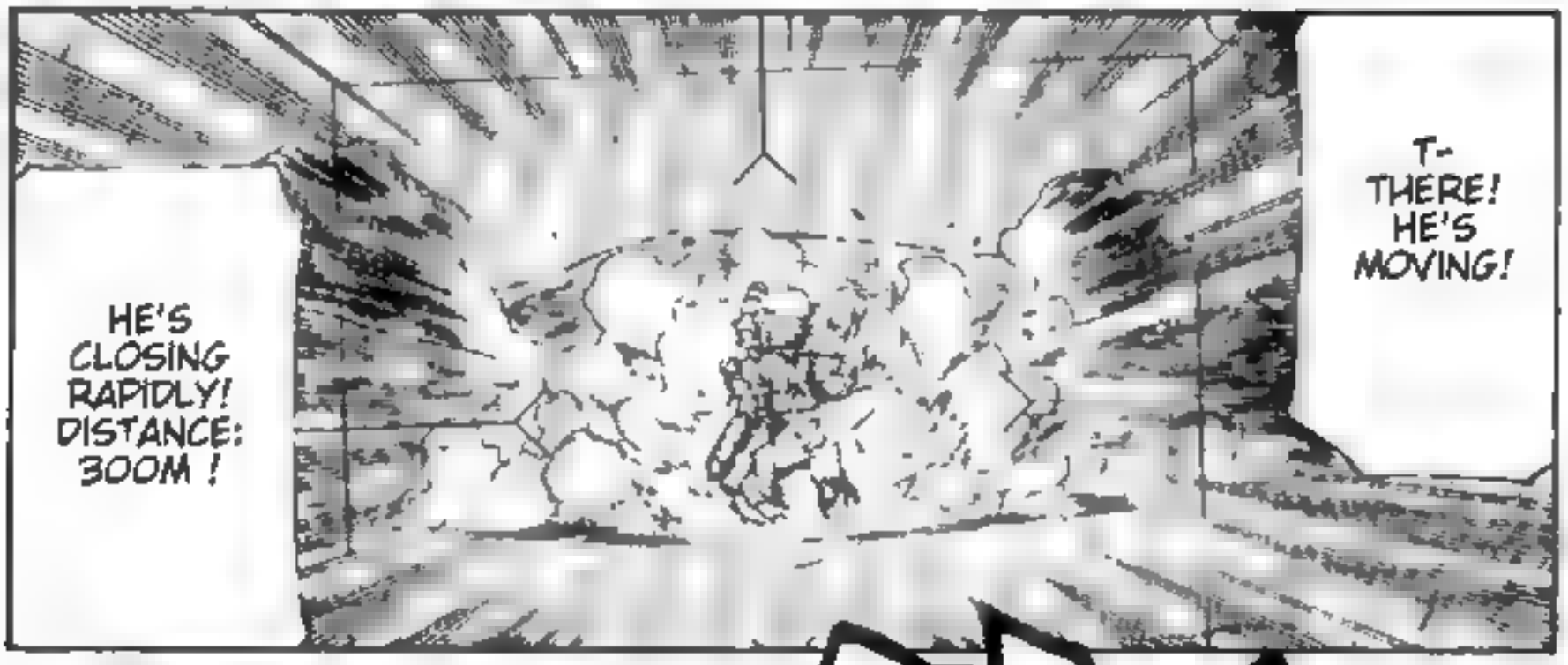
WE'LL BE ONE ONES WHO'LL BURY THAT MANIC! ONCE AND FOR ALL!

HE DOESN'T HAVE ANY OTHER OPTIONS APART FROM A "TOP-ATTACK"*. HE'S CERTAINLY GOING TO HAVE TO CLOSE ON US.

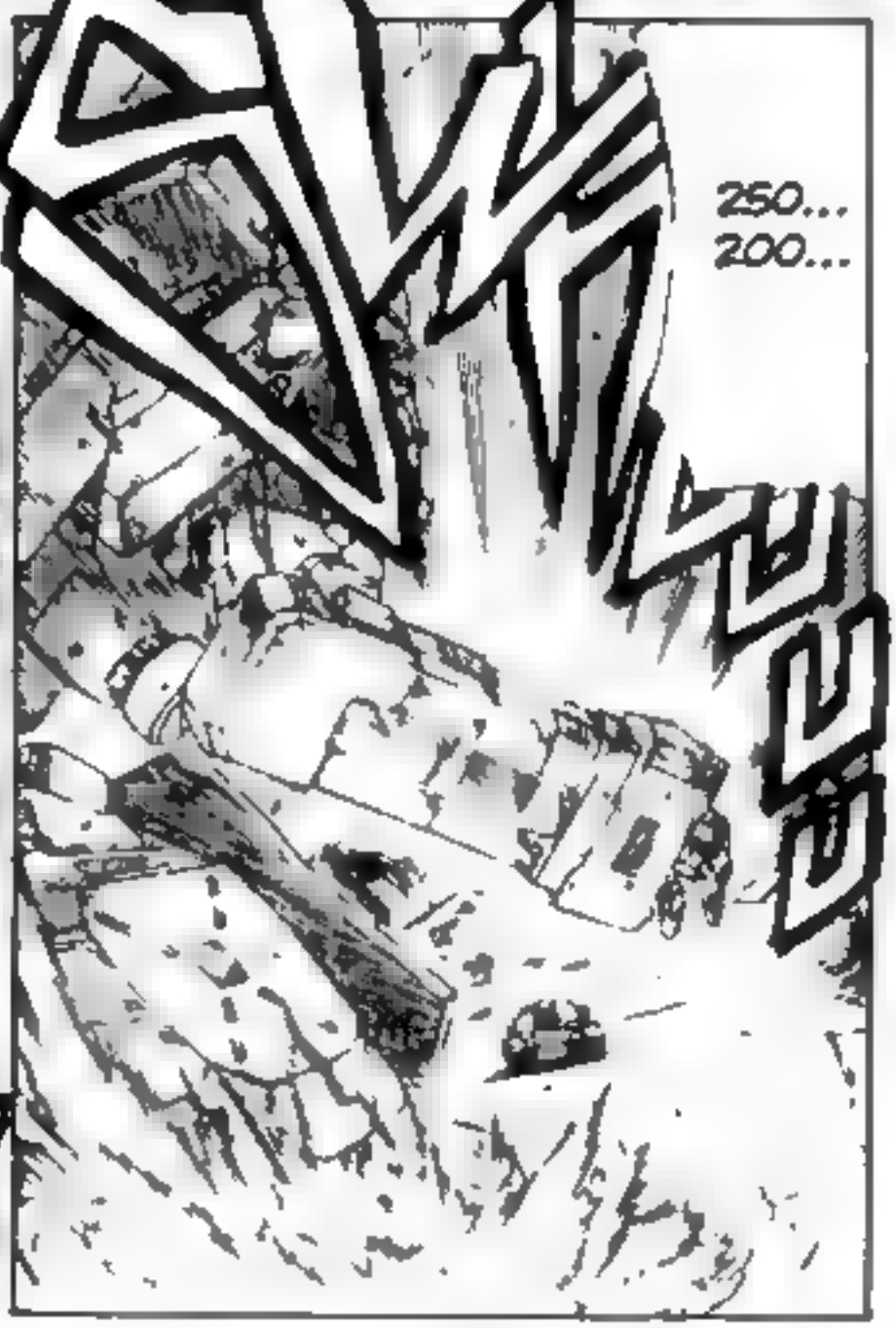
WE MUST DRAW HIM AS CLOSE AS POSSIBLE. THE CLOSER HE IS, THE LESS CHANCE HE'LL HAVE TO DODGE OUR SHOTS.

*"TOP-ATTACK": AN ANTI-TANK TACTIC THAT INVOLVES ATTACKING THE UPPER SURFACE OF THE TURRET, WHERE THE ARMOR IS USUALLY LIGHTEST.

KRRB


HE'S CLOSING RAPIDLY! DISTANCE: 300M !
T- THERE! HE'S MOVING!

READY TO FIRE!?
150 !


250...
200...

KRRB

SWISH

FIRE !!

KRAKA

KRAKA

WHAT ?!?

ZAN

SWOOP

MY AIM IS STILL SPOT ON!

SCHLOOM

SIR!!

ARMOR PIERCING ROUNDS !?

HUH?!

KAAAAAA

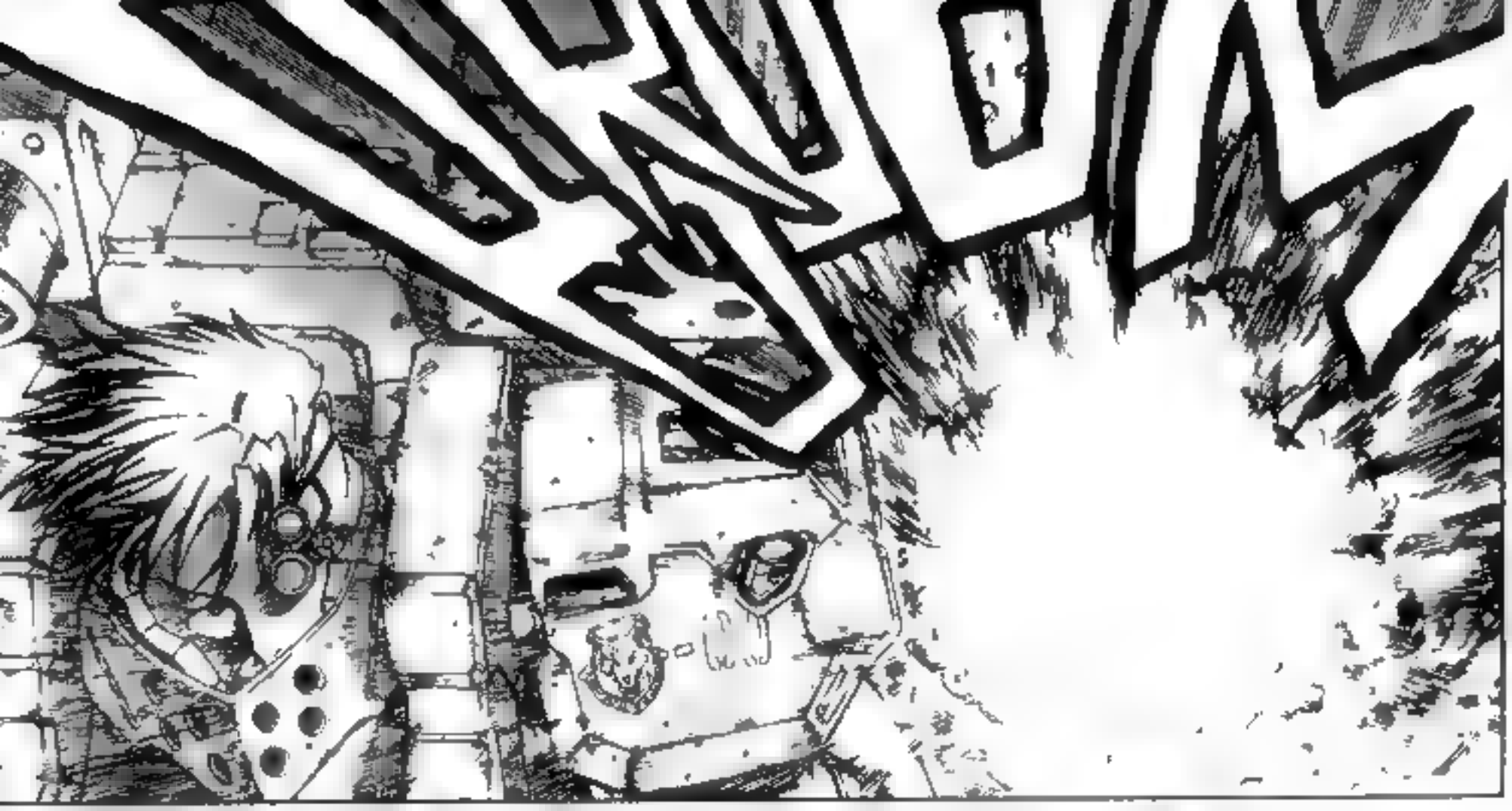
SWAN

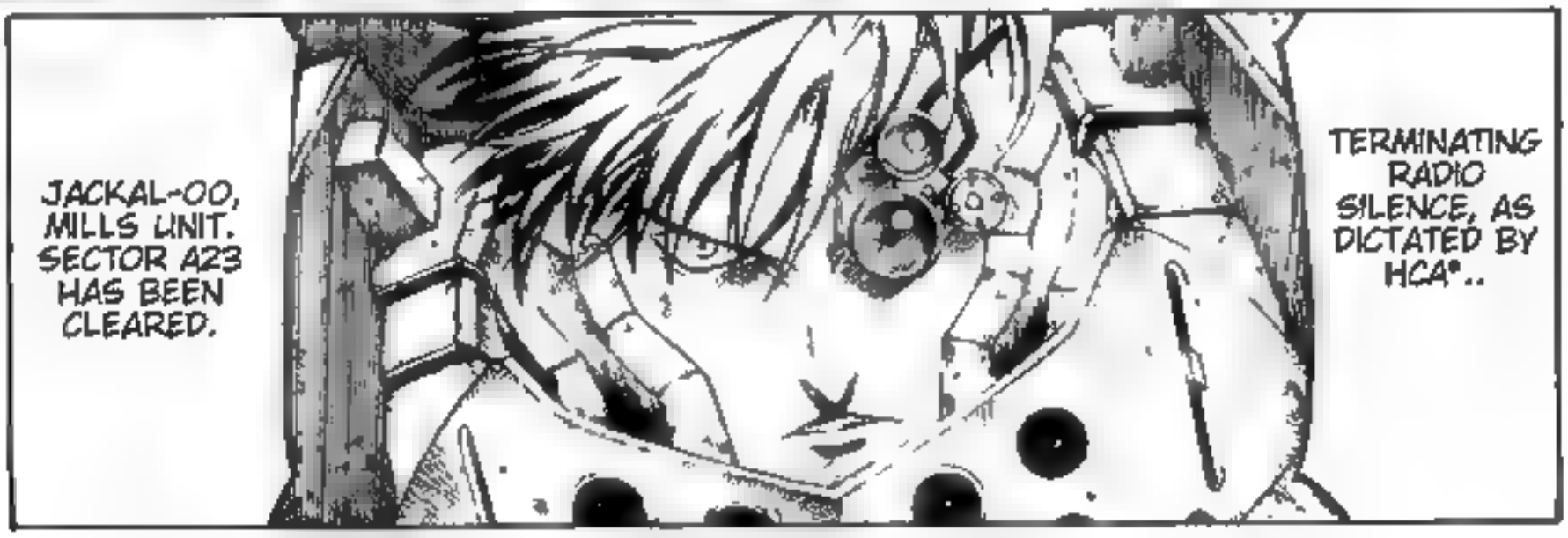
YOU BASTARD !!

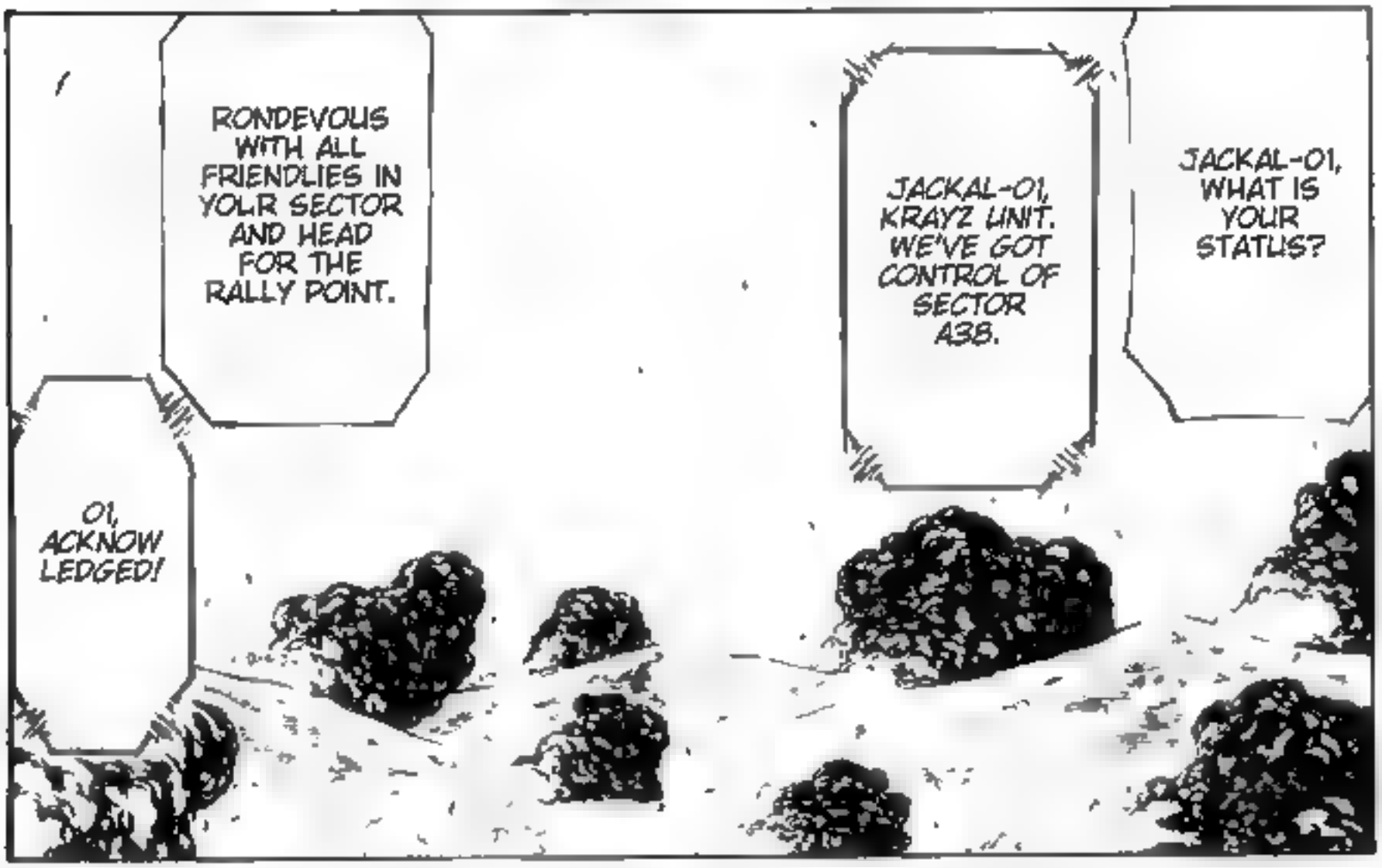
YOU USED A DELAYED FUSE ON PURPOSE!

NO! I BEG YOU, LET ME GET OUTTA HERE!

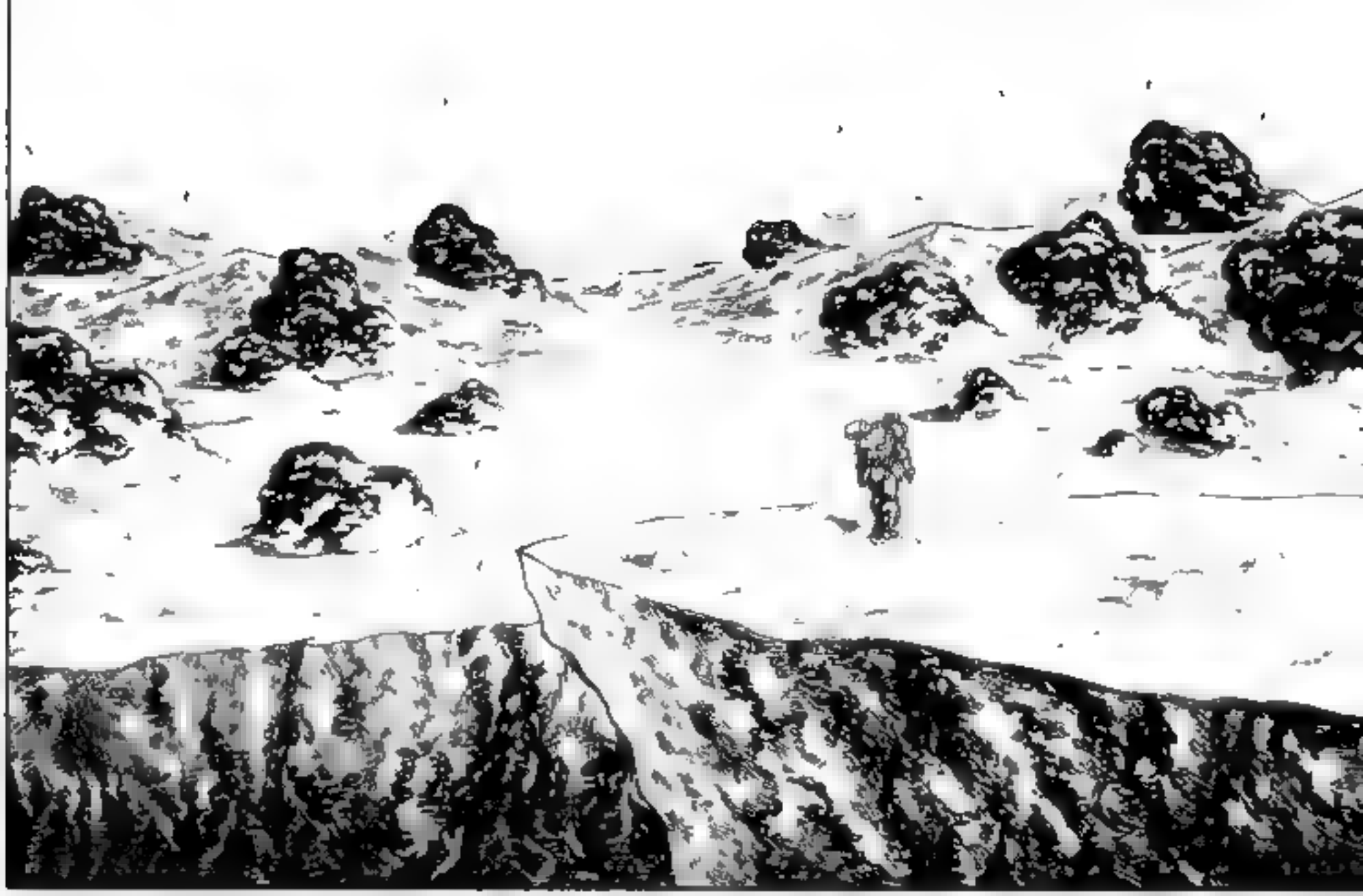
SWAN SWAN

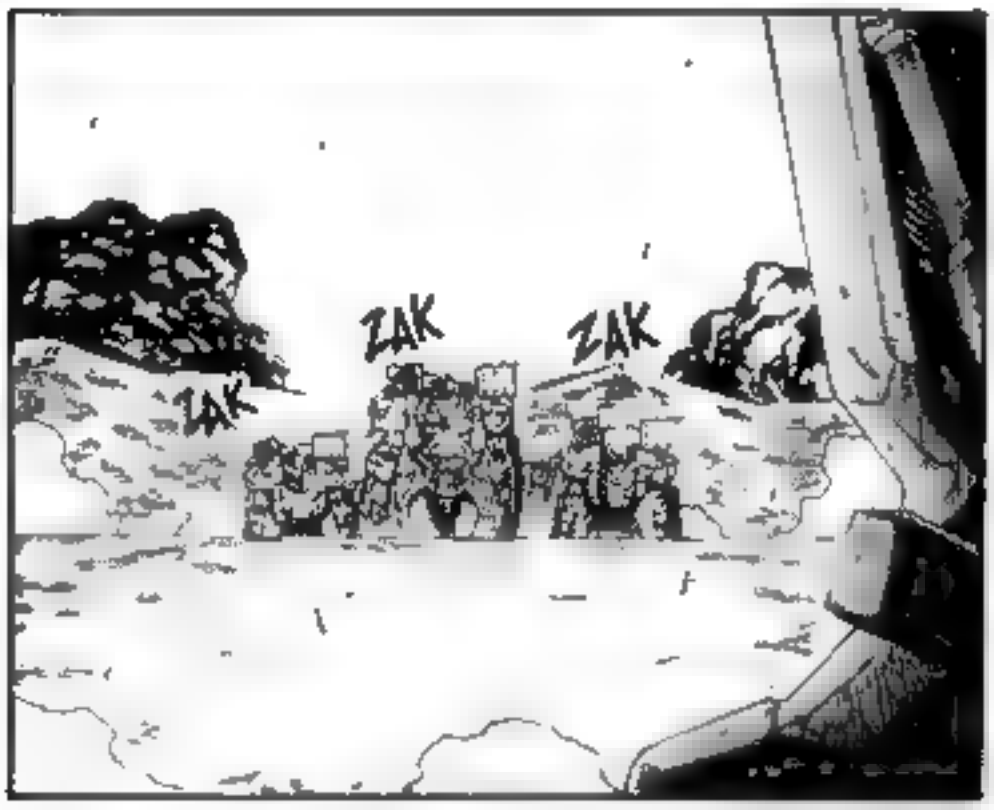





RONDEVOUS WITH ALL FRIENDLIES IN YOUR SECTOR AND HEAD FOR THE RALLY POINT.
JACKAL-01, KRAYZ UNIT. WE'VE GOT CONTROL OF SECTOR A38.
JACKAL-01, WHAT IS YOUR STATUS?
01, ACKNOW LEDGED!

HIERACHICAL COMMAND AUTHORITY (HCA): A UNIT LEADER'S AUTHORITY TO LIMIT OR INTERRUPT THE USE OF "INTELLIGENCE SHARING" EQUIPMENT IN THE UNIT, AS DEFINED BY THE EQUIPMENT AVAILABLE TO THE UNIT IN QUESTION. IN THIS CASE, THE RADIO COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM.

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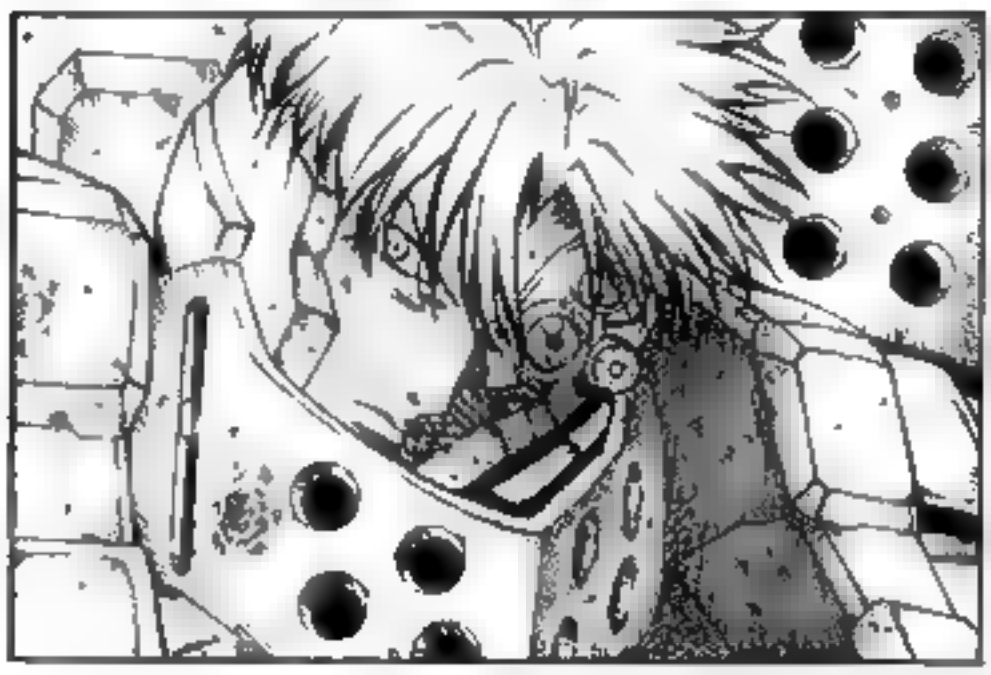
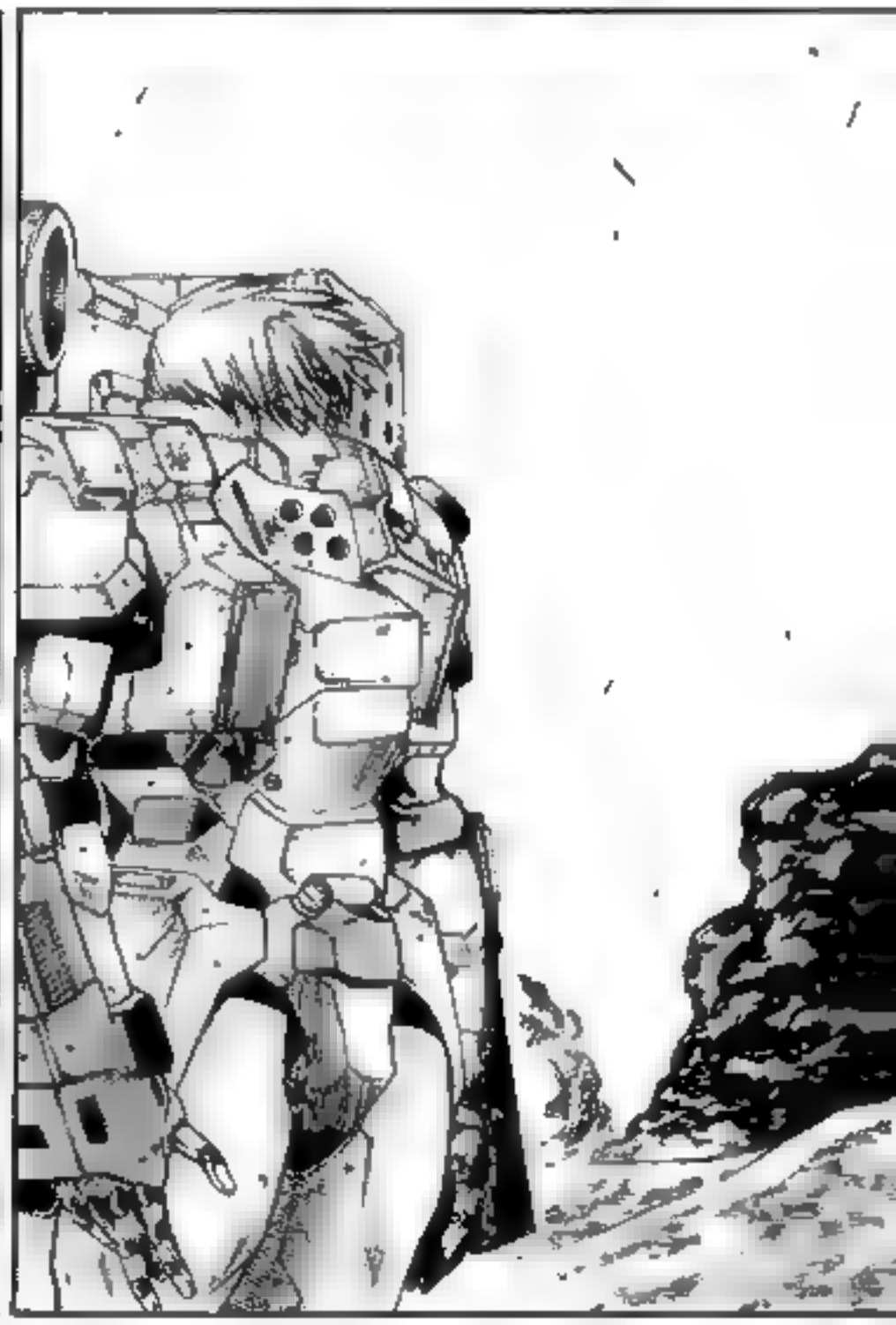




ALL JACKALS HAVE BEEN ACCOUNTED FOR AND HAVE REACHED THE RALLY POINT AS PLANNED. NO CASUALTIES SUSTAINED.

IT SEEMS THE BATTLE-FRONT HAS MOVED SOUTH.

ACCORDING TO OUR INTEL, THE ENEMY CONTINUES TO ADVANCE AND OUR FORCES HAS BEEN FORCED INTO A FULL RETREAT.

ALL FRIENDLIES IN SECTOR A38 HAVE BEEN WIPED OUT BY THE ENEMY...

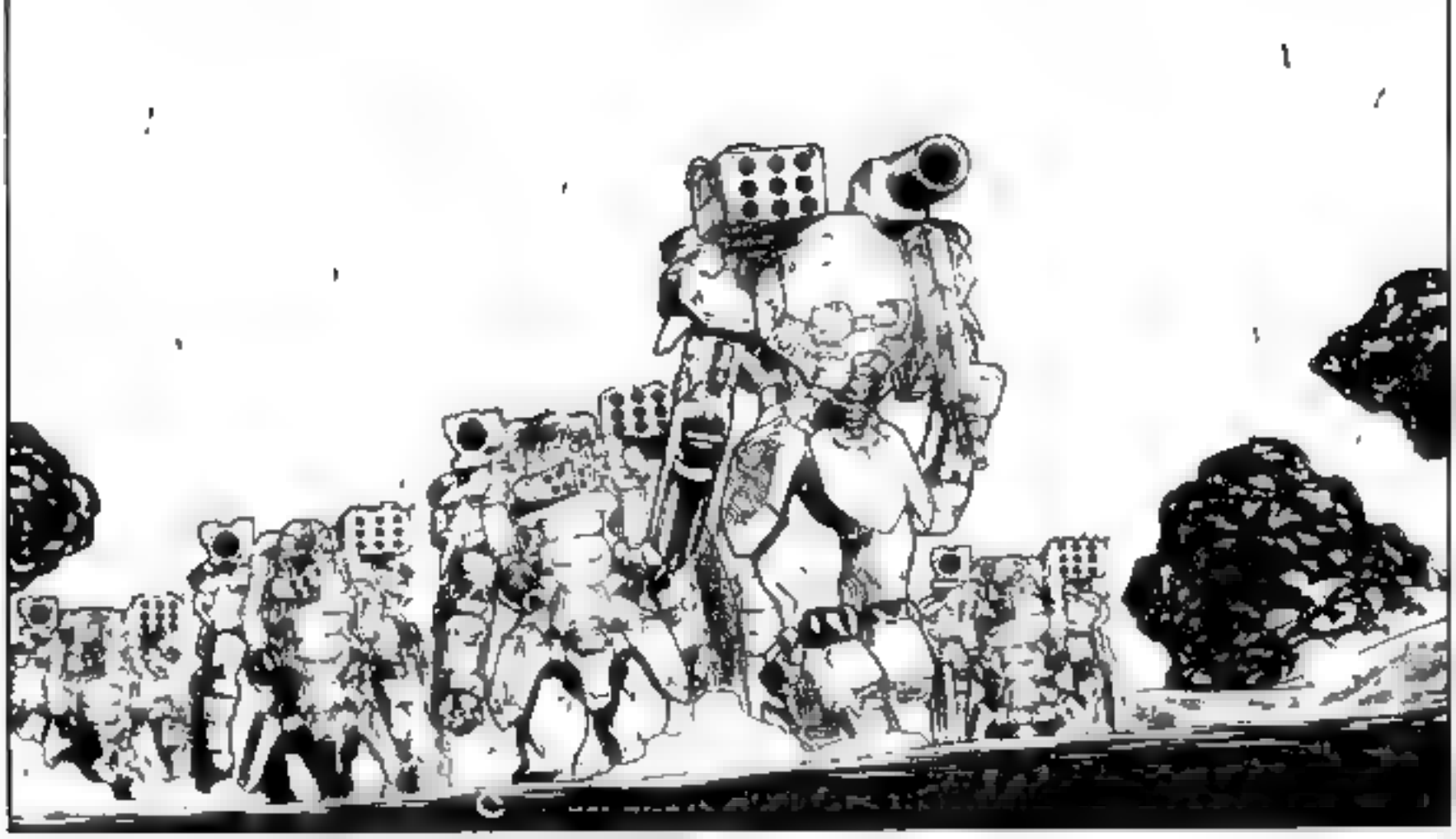
SO, WE'RE THE ONLY SURVIVORS?

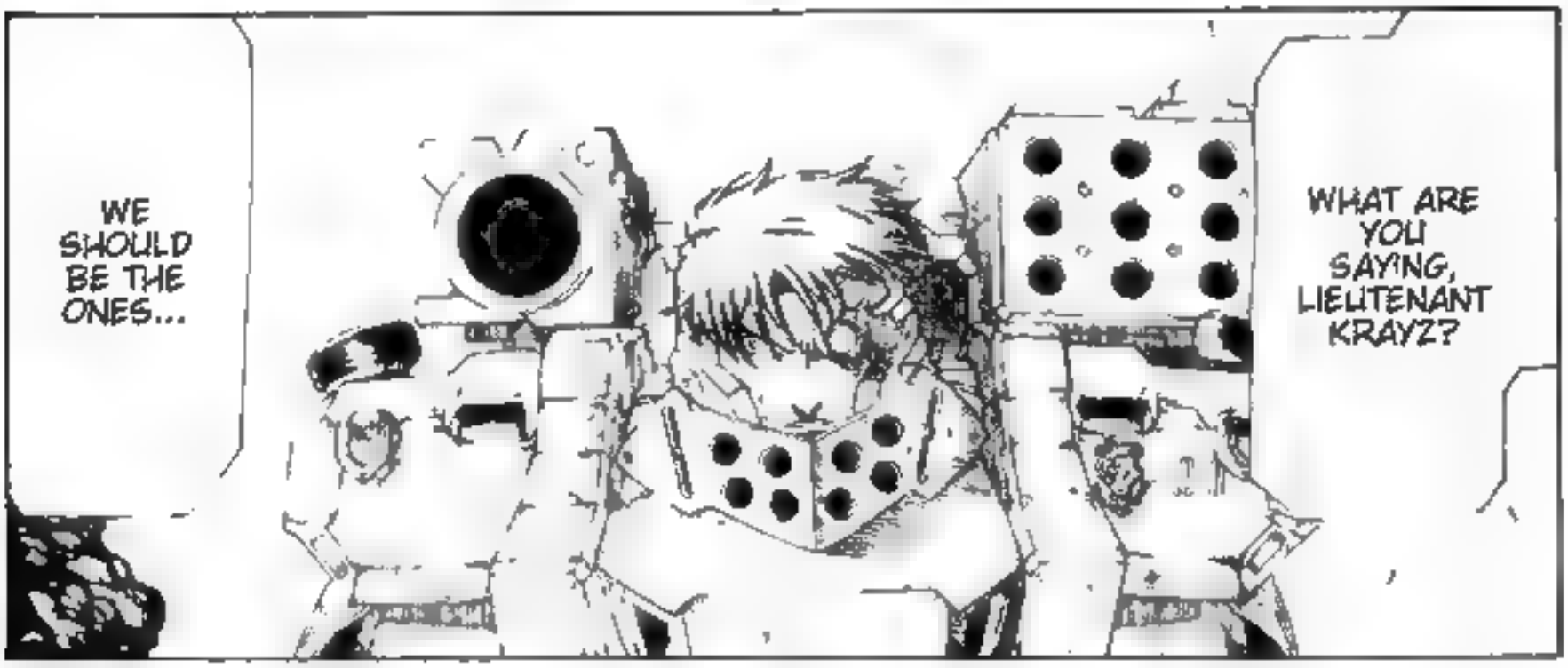
NO. BY US!

MY APOLOGIES, SIR...

I MUST ALSO INFORM YOU THAT THERE WERE NO SURVIVORS AMONG THE LIGHT INFANTRY IN SECTOR A38.

WHO HO HO HO




WE SHOULD BE THE ONES...
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING, LIEUTENANT KRAYZ?

CAPTAIN MILLS!
I SAID WE HAVE EXTERMI-NATED ALL ALLIED SOLDIERS IN SECTOR A38...

WHAT ?!!

...WE ARE PLACING YOU UNDER ARREST FOR REBELLION AND HIGH TREASON!

CAPTAIN GRAHAD MILLS...

EXPLAIN YOURSELF LIEUTENANT!

WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?!

WOOD

YOU WERE THE ONE WHO EXTERMI-NATED THE ALLIES IN SECTOR A38 TO CLEAR THE WAY FOR THE ENEMY!

YOU ABAN-DONED OUR ARMY, WHICH YOU KNEW TO BE DOOMED TO DEFEAT, AND YOU DEFECTED TO THE DRAGNOV FORCES.

AND THERE ARE 7 WIT-NESSES TO TESTIFY AGAINST YOU. THE MILITARY JUDGES WILL HAVE TO RULE IN OUR FAVOR.

AS EVIDENCE, THERE ARE THE BULLETS FROM OUR SAA WHICH WE'LL BE TAKING FROM THE ALLIED CORPSES IN SECTOR A38

RIDICU-LOUS!

WHO COULD BELIEVE SUCH A LIE?!

...AND WHEN WE HEARD ABOUT YOUR BETRAYAL, WE COULDN'T GET THERE IN TIME TO STOP THE SLAUGHTER.

OR WE COULD SAY THAT WE WERE ENGAGED IN ANOTHER SECTOR...

GWH-

GR R GRR

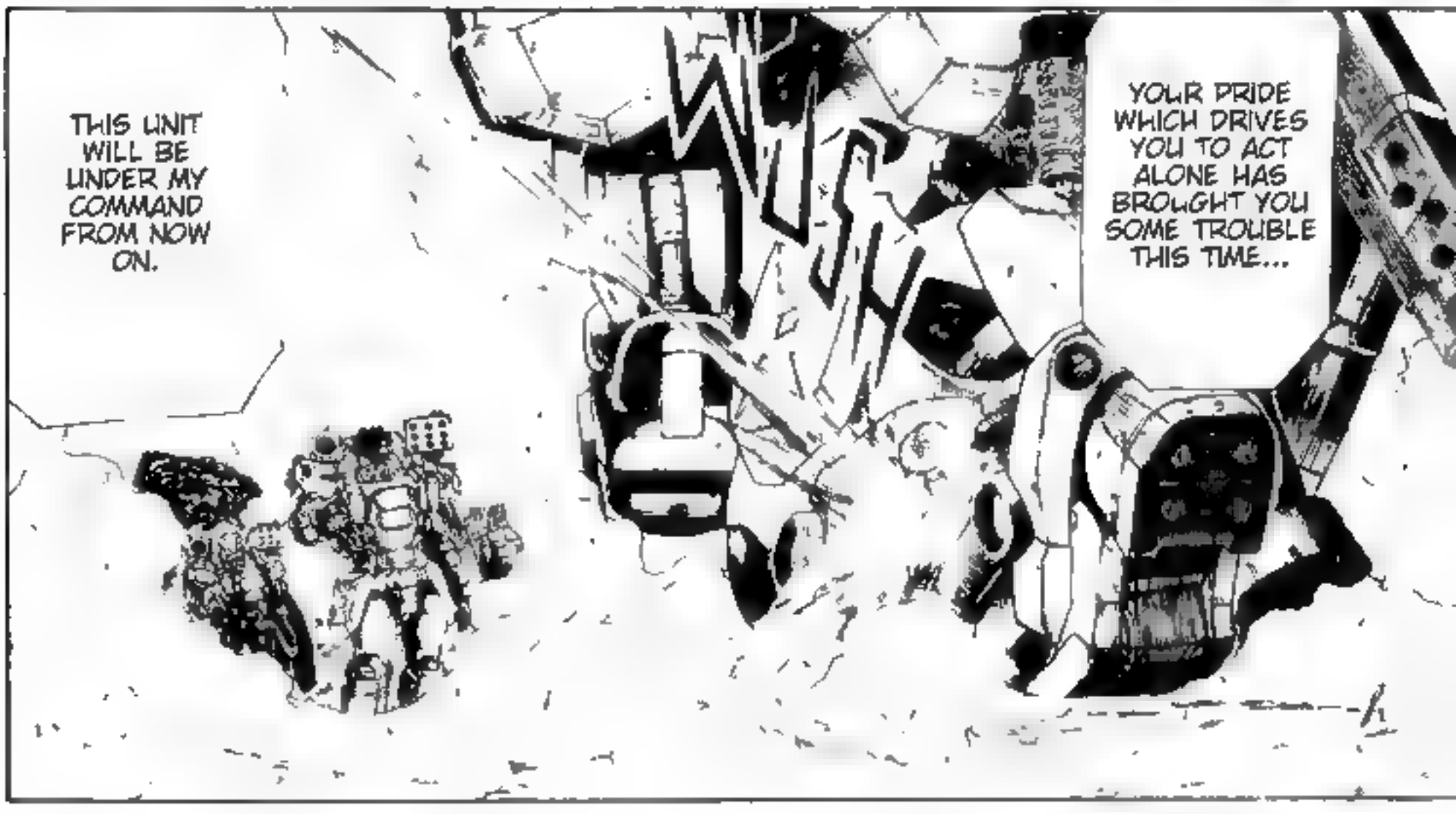
WE ARE DEEPLY SHAMED TO SEE OUR RESPECTED HERO BETRAYING US. ALL IN AN ATTEMPT TO SAVE HIS OWN LIFE!

ALL OF YOU ARE PLANNING ON FRAMING ME EVEN THOUGH I HAVEN'T DONE ANYTHING?!

WOW

GAAAHH
!!

DOW


THIS UNIT WILL BE UNDER MY COMMAND FROM NOW ON.
YOUR PRIDE WHICH DRIVES YOU TO ACT ALONE HAS BROUGHT YOU SOME TROUBLE THIS TIME...

OH ...

KRAYZ !

NONE OF US CONSIDERS THIS ACT OF MINE A CRIME...

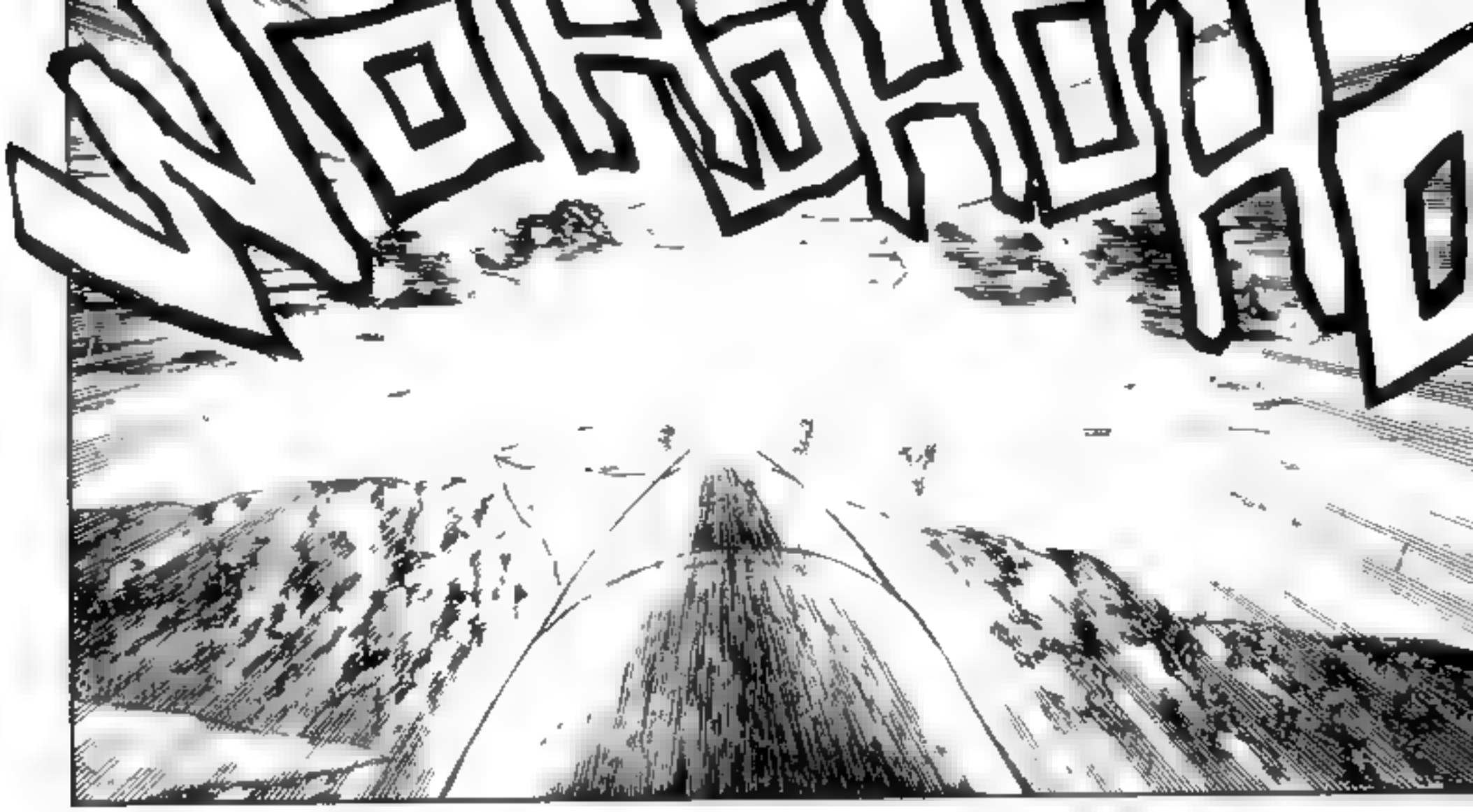
LET ME INFORM YOU CAPTAIN...

WHAT'S THAT NOISE?

WHOHOHO

THE TIME HAS COME FOR US TO BRING THAT ABOUT!

WE JUST WANT TO PUT AN END TO THIS WAR AND SEE THE FALL OF THE CORRUPT AND ROTTEN GOVERN-MENT OF REGIUM..


WORHOO

WHAT
?!!

WHOOO

!!

THAT MISSILE IS HEADING STRAIGHT FOR THE CITY OF SOL-GRENNE!

...IT'S A NUCLEAR WARHEAD ?!!

I CAN SHOOT IT DOW...

WAIT A MINUTE ...

IT'S LANDHUG-GING! IF I CAN GET A SHOT OFF...

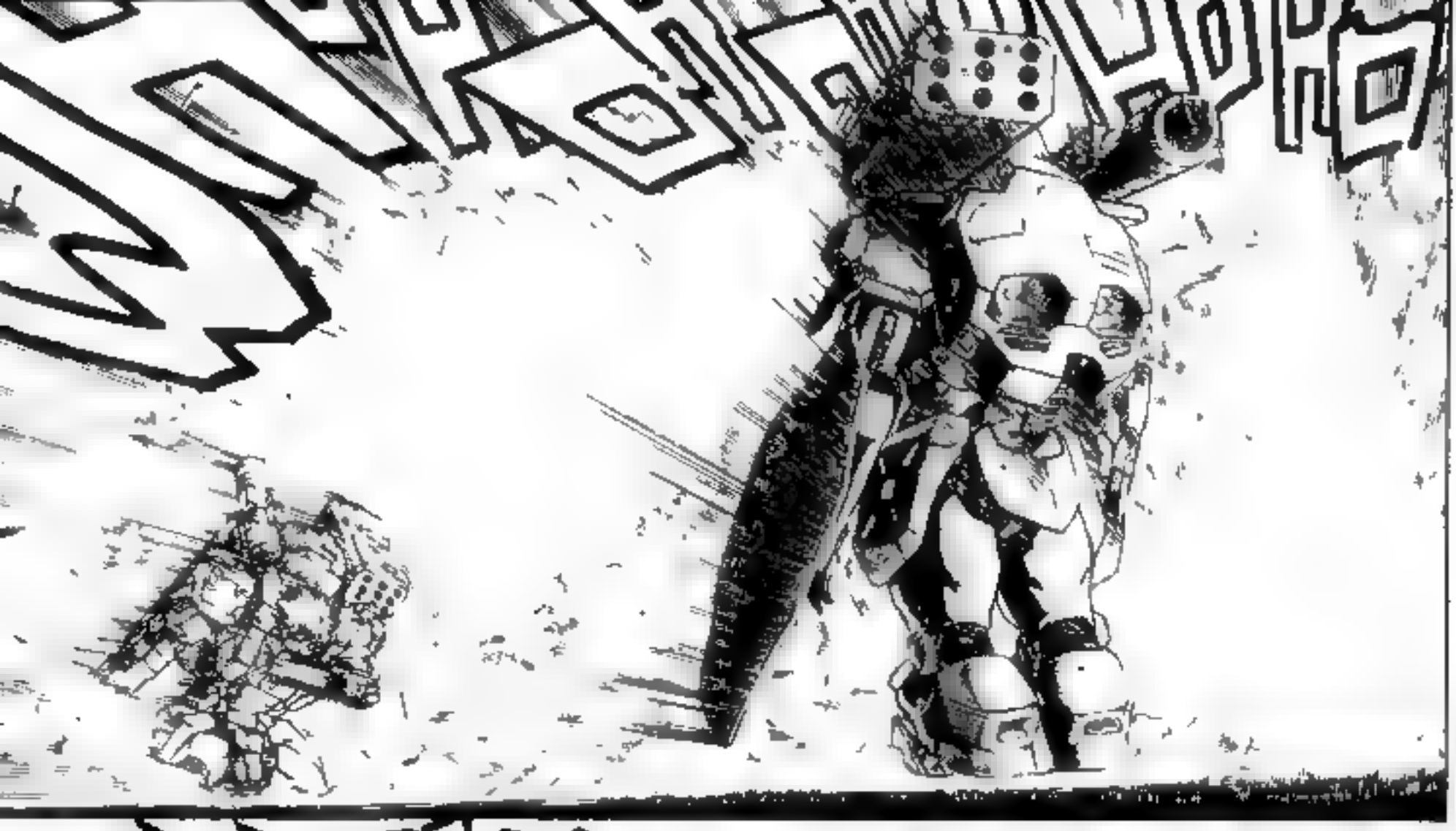
EVEN DRAGNOV WOULDN'T DARE TO BREAK THAT TABOO... IT WOULD BE THE SAME AS DECLARING WAR ON THE WHOLE OF MANKIND.

NO, IT ISN'T NUCLEAR

...AND SURPASSES EVEN THAT INFAMOUS TYPE OF BOMB!

AND YET... THIS LIGHTNING IS MUCH MORE BLINDING...

FLASH


WHOOO

...HAS ENDED HERE.

OUR WAR...

BY THE 7TH OF THE SEVENTH MONTH, THE REGIUM GOVERNMENT BEGAN NEGOTIATIONS TO ESTABLISH PEACE WITH THE DRAGNOV FEDERATION, WITH COMMANDER MAC GAVIN OF THE FIRST ARMY AS THE PRESIDING OFFICER.

[redacted] TYPE OF MISSILE [redacted] FARFAM, ROUGHLY 8 KILOMETERERS NORTH OF SOLGRENNE, THE CAPITAL. THE RESULTANT SHOCKWAVE CAUSED MASSIVE DEVASTATION TO THE SURROUNDING AREAS. THIS BROKE THE WILL OF THE REPUBLICANS TO CONTINUE THE WAR.

THE REGIUM REPUBLIC WAS ALLOWED TO KEEP IT'S SOVEREIGNITY AND INDEPENDANCE. BUT IT WAS OBVIOUS TO EVERYONE'S EYES [redacted] WAS MERELY A FACE SAVING GESTURE. NOTHING MORE THAN A FORMALITY.

THE PEACE NEGOTIATIONS TOOK PLACE IN TORAS, A SMALL TOWN SITUATED IN THE SOLGRENNE SUBURBS. WHAT COULD BE THEN CALLED THE "TORAS PEACE" WAS SIGNED THERE, ON THE 15TH OF THE SAME MONTH, YEAR 182 OF THE GU CALENDAR.

THE WRITTEN TEXT OF THE PEACE AGREEMENT WAS IN ACTUAL FACT... ONE OF TOTAL SURRENDER.

IT WOULD ONLY BE A MATTER OF TIME BEFORE SOLGRENNE, WHICH HAD BEEN ON ALERT ONLY TO KEEP HOPES ALIVE, WOULD BE OCCUPIED BY THE DRAGNOV ARMY.

THE INFLUENCE THIS UNIT HAD ON THE REST OF THE ARMY WAS PRACTICALLY NONEXISTANT.

HOWEVER, A TINY TROOP IN THE REGIUM THIRD ARMY, STATIONED IN THE LANSBAR REGION REFUSED TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE CAPITULATION AND DISARMAMENT.

ON THE SAME DAY, ALMOST ALL THE REGIUM UNITS SENT REPRESENTATIVES TO THE MILITARY CENTER OF THE DRAGNOV FEDERATION.

AND FINALLY PUT AN END TO THE WAR THAT SINCE IT WAS DECLARED 2 YEARS AND 8 MONTHS AGO, HAD CLAIMED 653 MANY LIVES.

AND SO, THE SUN SET ON THE REGIUM REPUBLIC

3 MONTHS LATER...
1ST OF THE TENTH MONTH, YEAR 182 BY THE GU CALENDAR.
SOLGRENNE, CAPITAL OF THE REGIUM REPUBLIC

FOOOOOO

Ted Highman here, for CRN news.

And now, a special report with Ted Highman.

Even though the attack was mercifully indirect, the face of Solgrenne has been radically changed... destroyed...

3 months have passed since the detonation of the new missile, which showed that the army was incapable of defending the area above and around the capital.

Can one truly call this heap of trash the capital of a country?

How does our army, claimed as 'invincible' and that assured us of the final victory', even asking us, the inhabitants of this country to suffer through hardships so that they might win, explain all of these events?

Hopelessness and despair prevail across the city, since reconstruction of this huge city would not be completed for a long time to come.

CRN

The war has left us a... with too many scars ...

The situation now is at it's worst yet. With food shortages and massive price inflation... The goverment seems to be powerless and incapable of handling the situation.

THE END OF A FALLEN HERO...

I WONDER WHAT HIS LAST THOUGHTS WOULD BE ABOUT?

TOO MANY SCARS...

PIC

BY THE WAY, IT'S HIS LAST DAY, TODAY.

WHAT DO YOU THINK? COMMANDER KRAYZ?

I DON'T KNOW... WHAT COULD HAPPEN...

IT ALL DEPENDS ON HIM...

YOU THINK SOMETHING COULD GO WRONG?

OR MAYBE NOT...

MAYBE EVERY-THING WILL GO SMOOTHLY

MELVILLE, SUBURB OF SOLGRENNE
MILITARY PRISON

CLANG
GAAHH!
WHOO
I AM INNOCENT!
CLANG
CLANG
GASHA
HA HA!
YAAH!
CLANG

NEVER GET TOO NEAR ANY OF THE CELLS.
CLANG
CLANG
WHOO
TAP
TAP
CLANG
CLANG
CLANG
LET ME GIVE YOU SOME GOOD ADVICE...

ALL OF THEM HAVE BEEN SENTENCED TO DEATH... OR LIFE IMPRISONMENT.

HERE, THE PRISONERS ARE PARTICULARLY DANGEROUS.

MOST OF THEM ARE FROM THE INFANTRY'S OR THE MARINE'S SPECIAL FORCES

HE THEN KILLED SOME POLICEMEN IN A VILLAGE HE ARRIVED IN NEXT, THEN RAPED 12 WOMEN, KILLING 7 FOR THE FUN OF IT.

HAA

HAA

HAA

HAA

HAA

THIS ONE KNOCKED OUT A LIEUTENANT-COLONEL IN CHARGE OF A DEPOT AND MADE OFF WITH A LOAD OF FOOD.

WE'VE TAKEN TO CALLING HIM "CRAZY GADOW"

IN ADDITION, HE'S A COMPLETE DRUG ADDICT.

HAA

HAA

HAA

THERE ARE MEN THAT CANNOT BE JUDGED WITH COMMON SENSE...

HE'S GOING TO BE DONE TOMORROW, ON THE SCAFFOLD. BUT IN THIS WORLD...

BUT THE SURPRISING THING IS..

HE LOOKS QUITE CALM, DOESN'T HE...

HERE IS ANOTHER GOOD EXAMPLE.

HE WAS SLAUGHTERING CIVILIANS. 68 OF THEM. PEOPLE WHO LIVED NEAR HIS GARRISON. HE EVISCERATED ALL HIS VICTIMS...

FOR THE DURATION OF THE ENTIRE WAR...

SMILE

...AND ATE THEIR GUTS.

...IS FAR MORE DANGEROUS THAN ALL OF THESE ONES.

WHOO

BUT THE GUY YOU'RE GOING TO ESCORT TODAY...

TAP

TAP

CLANG

CLANG

SOMETIMES, I WANT TO CURSE THE FACT THAT I'M A HUMAN BEING LIKE HIM.

CLANG

...ONCE NICKNAMED "GENOCIDE".

IN THIS CELL, IS A MAN...

PFSH PFSH WUSH

SLAM

IF YOU LOWER YOUR GUARD FOR EVEN A MOMENT ...

THE FOLLOWING SECOND WILL SEE YOUR THROAT CUT BY THE GREAT SICKLE OF DEATH.

I SUPPOSE YOU ALL HAVE HEARD OF HIM.

BIP

TATLAK

EVEN IF YOU'RE ARMED.

SO, STAY ALERT!

LET'S GO!

BIP BIP BIP BIP

WHI!

WHI!

WASH

SHA-WHO

...CAPTAIN.
SHAR
SHAR
I AM REALLY SORRY...

WE MIGHT'VE TREATED YOU A BIT HARSH-Y...
THE RAIN CLAN
SOME SOLDIER■ ARE VERY CAUTIOUS BY NATURE.

...CAPTAIN MILLS.

YOU'RE GONNA HAVE TO FOLLOW ME...

...YOU'RE NOTHING MORE THAN A SIMPLE PRISONER NOW.

WELL...

SHA

TATLAUK

KLIK

MISTER GRAHAD MILLS!

THE TIME OF YOUR EXECUTION HAS COME!

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S.A.A SPECIAL FORCE+JACKAL

Nº2 GRAHALD MILLS

LET'S GO...
TIME IS PRECIOUS ...
DON'T MAKE US WAIT.
...AND RAISE THEM GENTLY.
KLANG
KLANG
KLANG
PLACE YOUR HANDS BEHIND YOUR BACK..

YOU MADE IT A POINT TO LIVE AS LONG AS POSSIBLE, I THINK... DIDN'T YOU?
KLANG
KLANG
SHOULD YOU RESIST, YOU WILL BE KILLED ON THE SPOT!
HAS ANYONE RESISTED YOU UP TO NOW?
I'VE HEARD TWO MEN DIED IN THEIR CELLS.
HEH HEH ...

SHAA
...I'LL ADD 5 X TO THAT SAD NUMBER!
WELL THEN, TODAY...
FIRE!
FIRE AT WILL!!
WHAT?!
KIN
BOOM

RA TA TA TA TA TA TA TA

RA TA TA TA TA TA TA TA

PIN BOOM PIN PIN

!?

TLAC

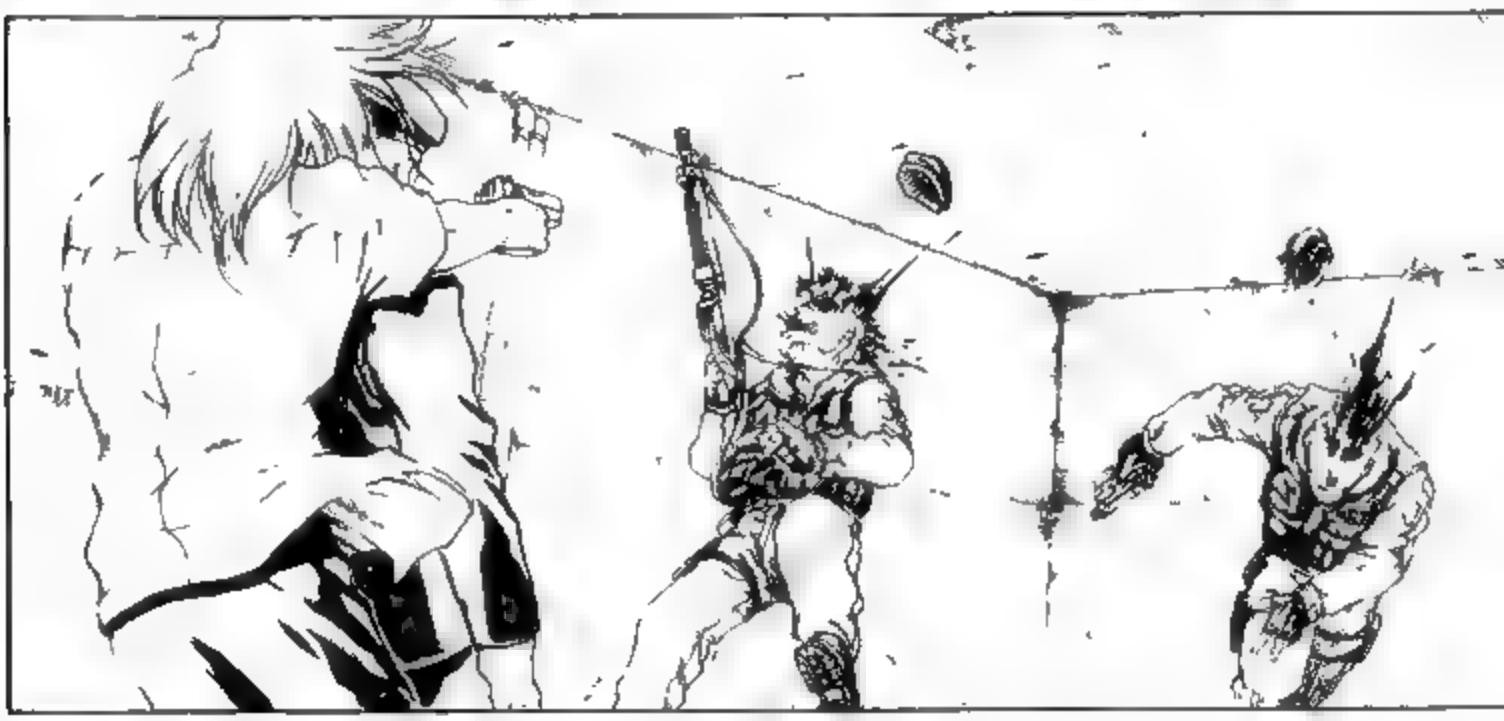
BOOM
TRZAN
BOOM

RA TA TA TA
AAAHH!!
BOOM

TA TA TA TA
RA

BAM BAM
HIII-
PIC
WOOO
!!
TATLACK
CEASE FIRE!
STOP!

BOOM
KA

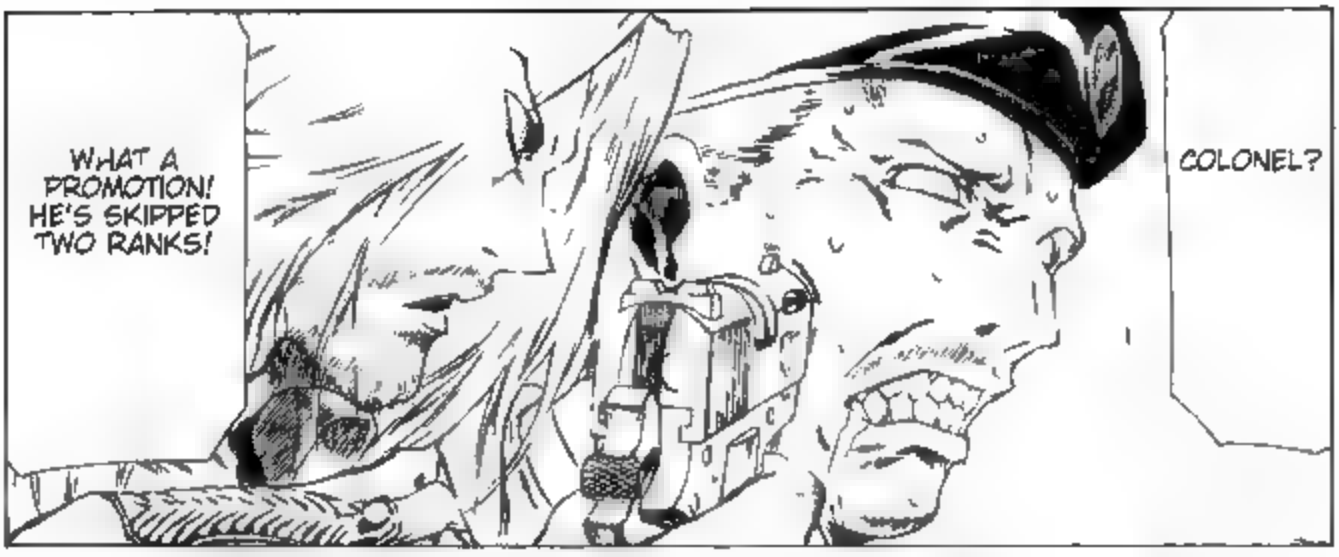


WHAT A NIGHTMARE! ELITE SOLDIERS SLAIN IN MOMENTS, LIKE THEY WERE NOTHING MORE THAN AMATEURS.

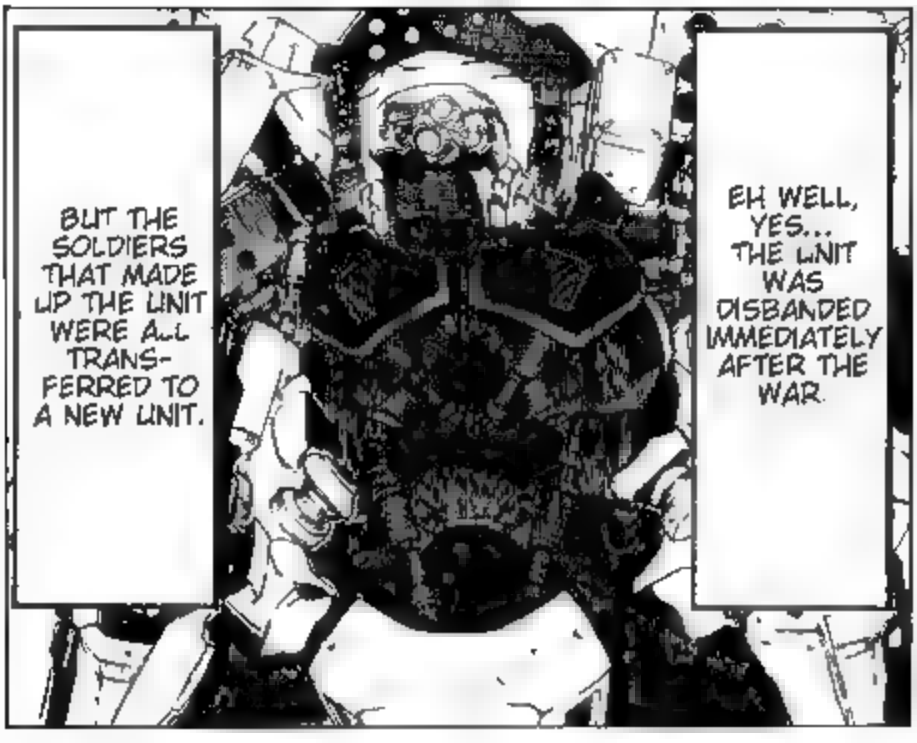
SO HE TOOK OUT THEIR HEADS...
JAM
THEY WERE ALL KILLED WITH A ROUND TO THE HEAD... HE KNEW THEY WERE WEARING BULLETPROOF VESTS.
IF YOU DECIDE TO REMAIN SILENT...
YOU KNOW WHAT'S COMING TO YOU..
TU
BRIGADIER GENERA....
I HAVE A QUESTION FOR YOU...
PERFECT...
LETS BEGIN THEN.
YES... OK!
I'VE GOT A 9MM PARABEL-LUM HERE, AND YOUR LEG IS QUITE A CONVENIENT TARGET...
RATTLE

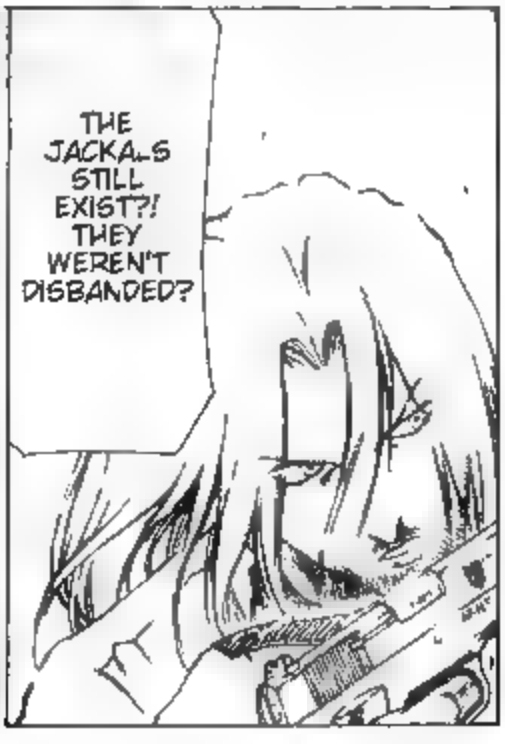
WHERE IS SECOND LIEUTENANT KRAYZ?
PLIC
... I DON'T KNOW!
I...

BLAM
RAN
GHHHH-
AAAHHH !!!
NOW WE'LL MOVE ON TO THE RIGHT LEG..
EVEN THE ARMY'S PERSONNEL RECORDS HAS NO TRACE OF COLONEL KRAYZ
I ASSURE YOU! I HAVE NO IDEA WHERE HE IS!


WHAT A PROMOTION! HE'S SKIPPED TWO RANKS!
COLONEL?

THE ONLY ONES WHO COULD POSSIBLY KNOW, WOULD BE THE MEMBERS OF THE JACKALS.
THAT'S ALL I KNOW! I REALLY CAN'T TELL YOU ANYMORE ABOUT IT!


BUT THE SOLDIERS THAT MADE UP THE UNIT WERE ALL TRANS-FERRED TO A NEW UNIT.
EH WELL, YES... THE UNIT WAS DISBANDED IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE WAR.

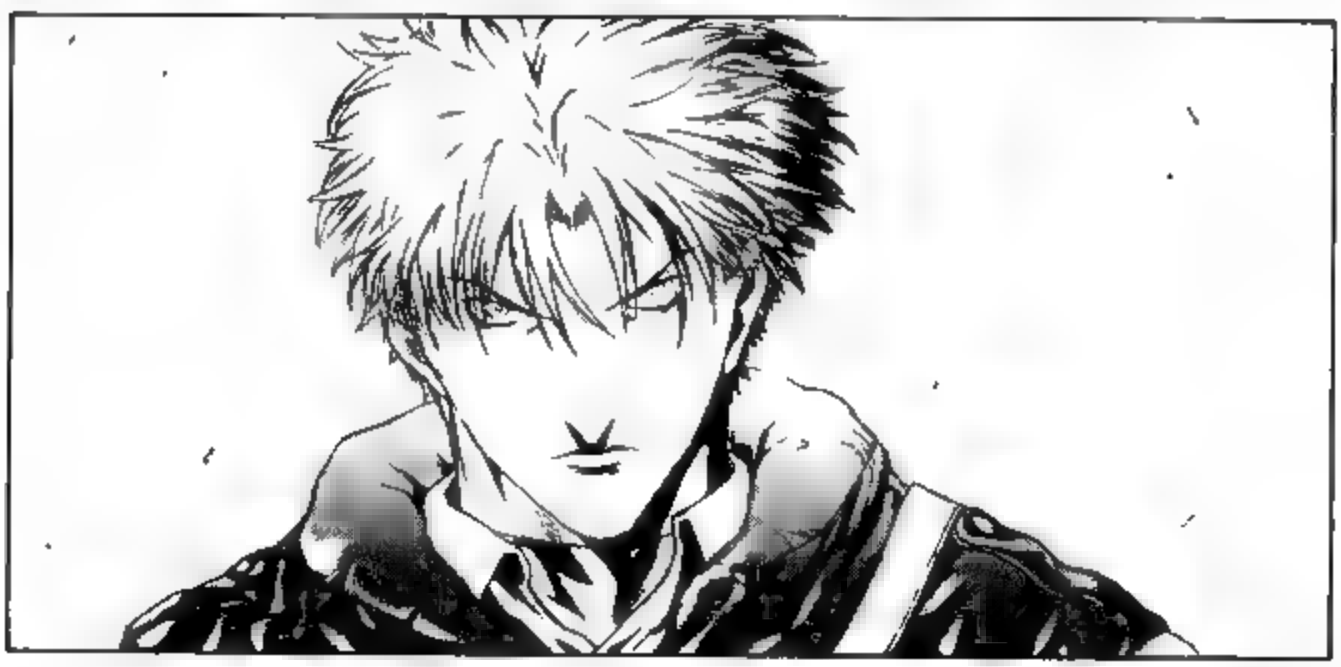

THE JACKALS STILL EXIST?! THEY WEREN'T DISBANDED?

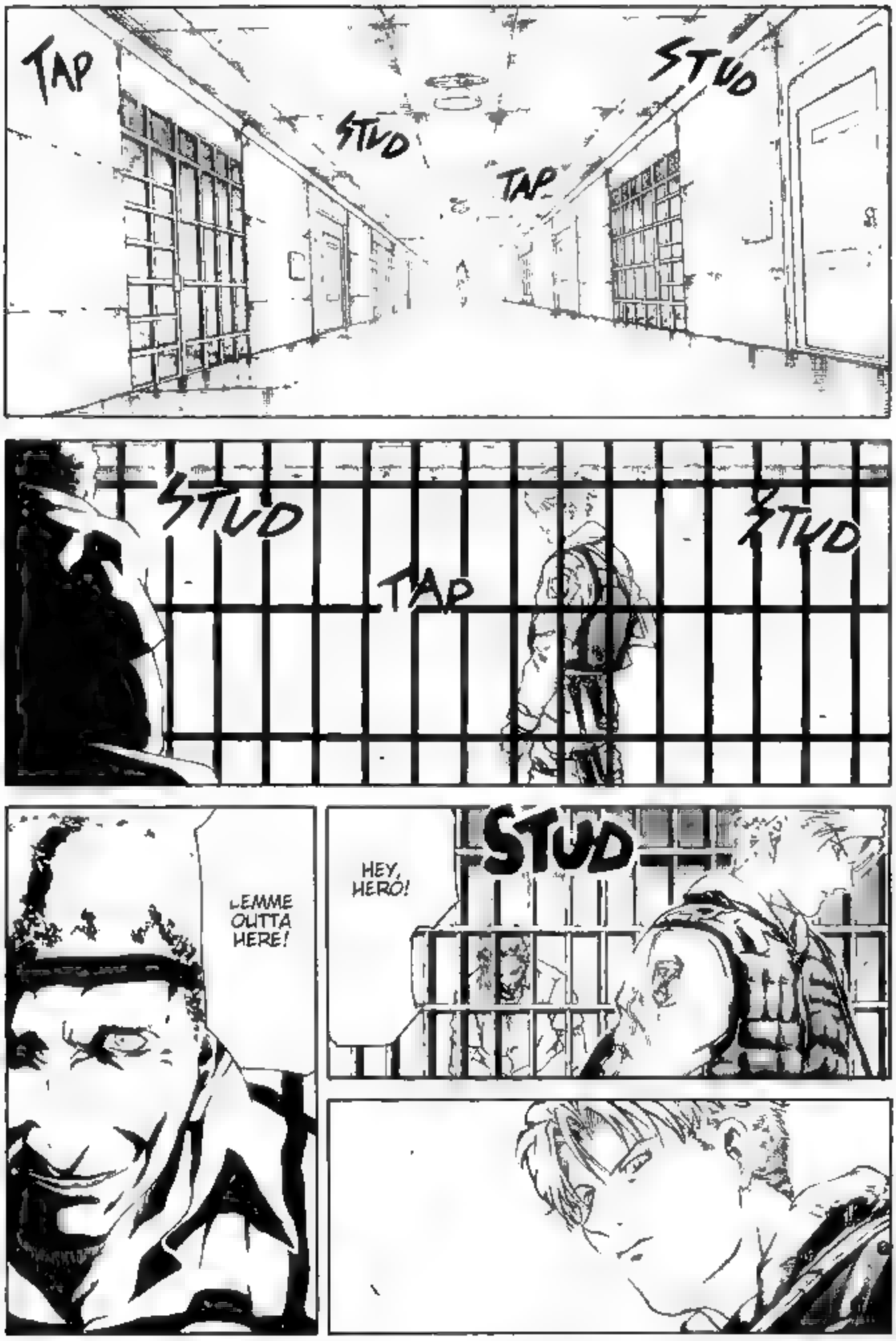
DO YOU KNOW IF ANY OF THEM HAVE BEEN STATIONED CLOSE TO SOLGRENNE?
THEN, AMONGST THE FORMER MEMBERS OF THE JACKALS ...
ONE OF THEM WAS RECRUITED INTO THE SPECIAL OPERATIONS TEAM OF THE *GIGN! IT WAS WALDMANN.
YES, YES! I KNOW ONE OF THEM HAS!
BLAM
YOUR DEATH WILL NOT BE IN VAIN. I FINALLY RETURN TO THE BATTLEFIELD...
CLACK
THANK YOU FOR YOUR ASSISTANCE, BRIGADIER GENERAL.
WHAT YOU INTEND IS MEANINGLESS ...
I BEG OF YOU! THE WAR IS OVER!

*PN: GIGN IS ALSO A REAL LIFE SPECIAL OPS TEAM.
"THE GROUPE D'INTERVENTION DE LA GENDARMERIE NATIONALE"

MY PERSONAL WAR...
TATTACK
ZACK
ZAN
WHU
TAP
TAP
TAP

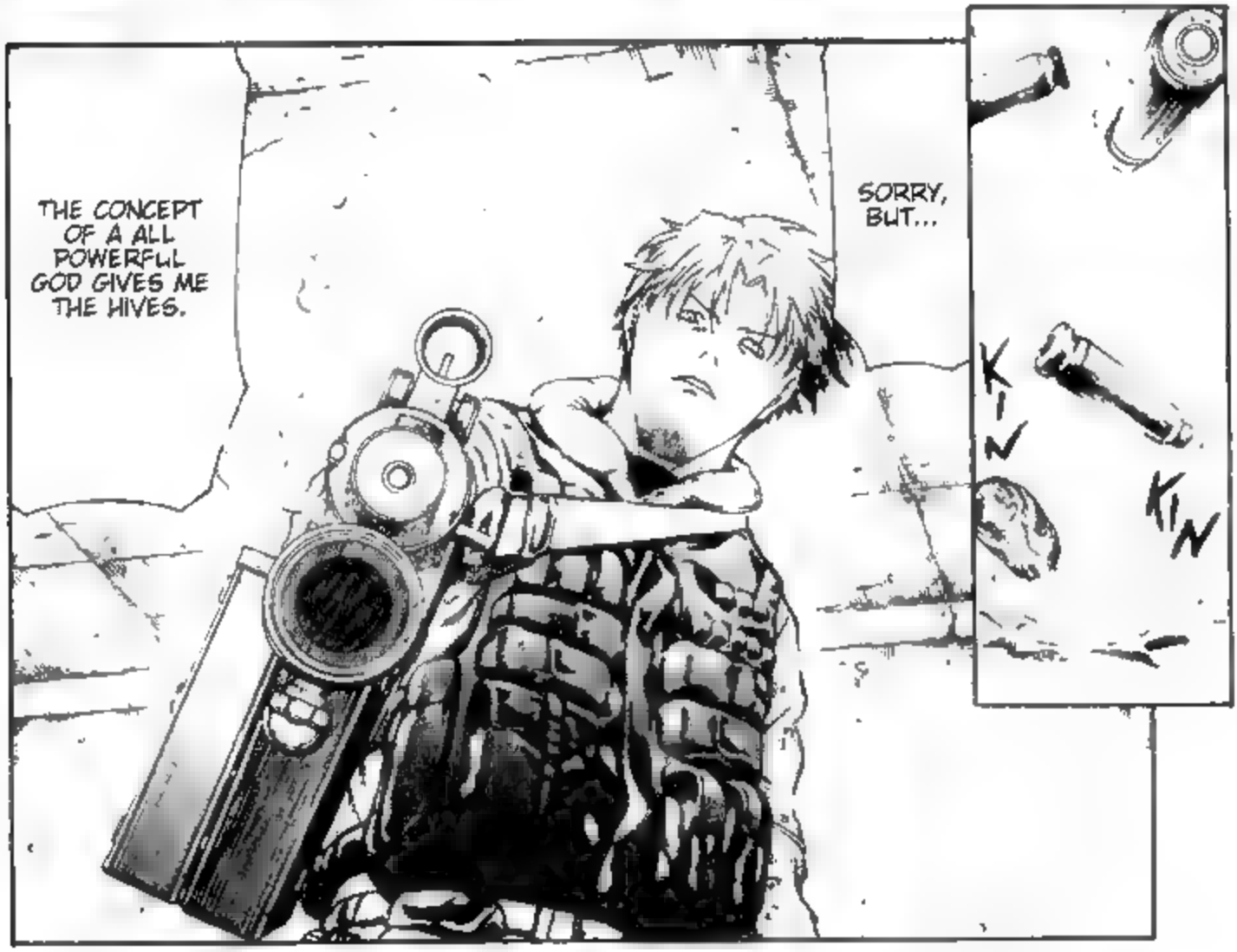
...ISN'T...
...OVER YET!




TAP
STUD
STUD
TAP
STUD
TAP
STUD
LEMME OUTTA HERE!
STUD
HEY, HERO!

WHY SHOULD I?
WE CAN'T SURVIVE WITHOUT KILLING!
BECAUSE, YOU AND ME, WE'RE THE SAME BREED ...
HUHU
WE'RE GOD'S CHOSEN AREN'T WE?
THE SAME BREED YOU SAY?
WHAT WOULD YOU KNOW?
WUP
ISN'T THAT RIGHT? MISTER HERO?

RATATA TA TA TA


THE CONCEPT OF A ALL POWERFUL GOD GIVES ME THE HIVES.
SORRY, BUT...
KIN
KIN

HE HE
HE HE.

HEH

NANANA NANA NA STAG

AAAHHH
HA HA HA
HA HAAA
!!

BLAM

GAAAH
!

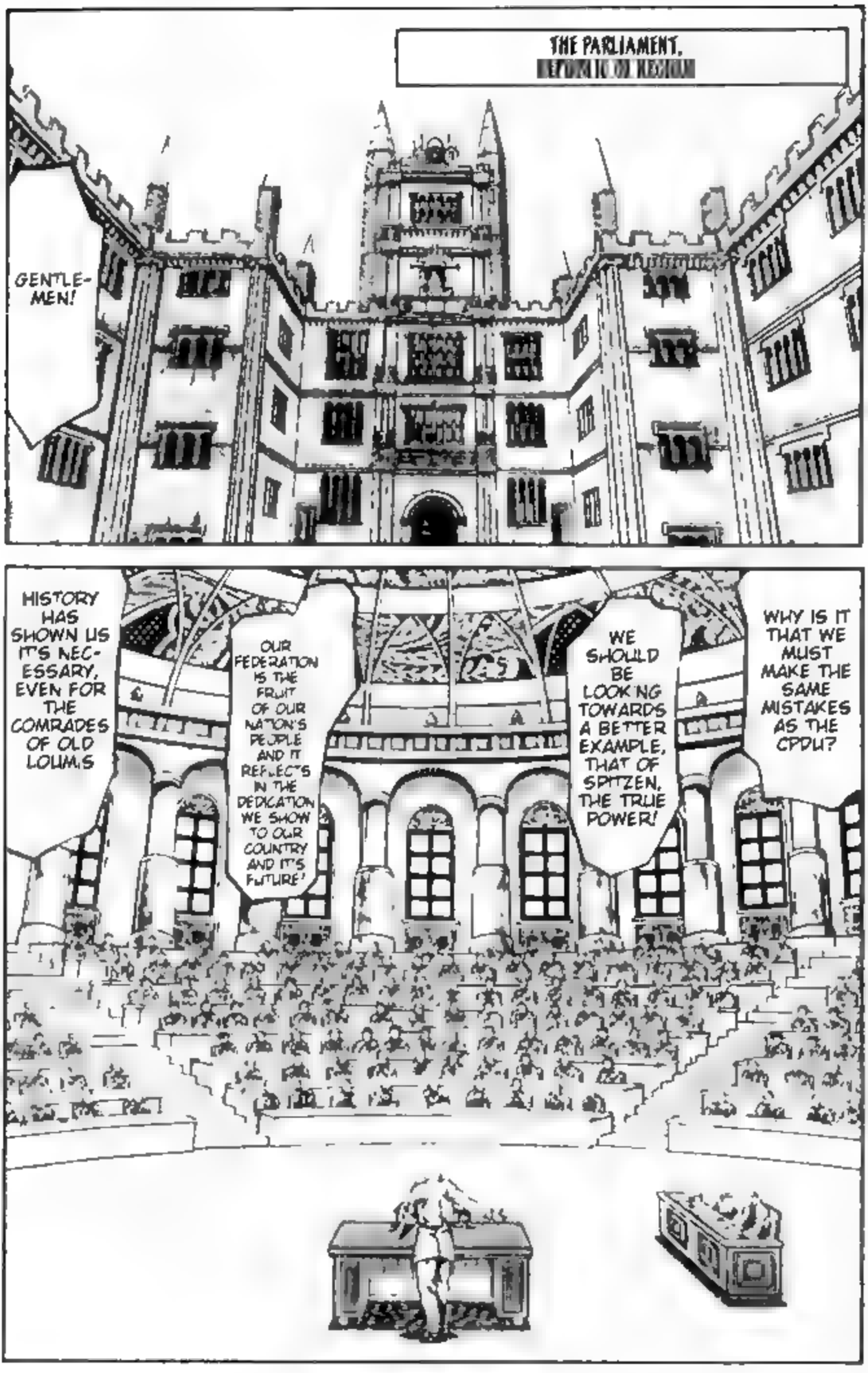
TAP

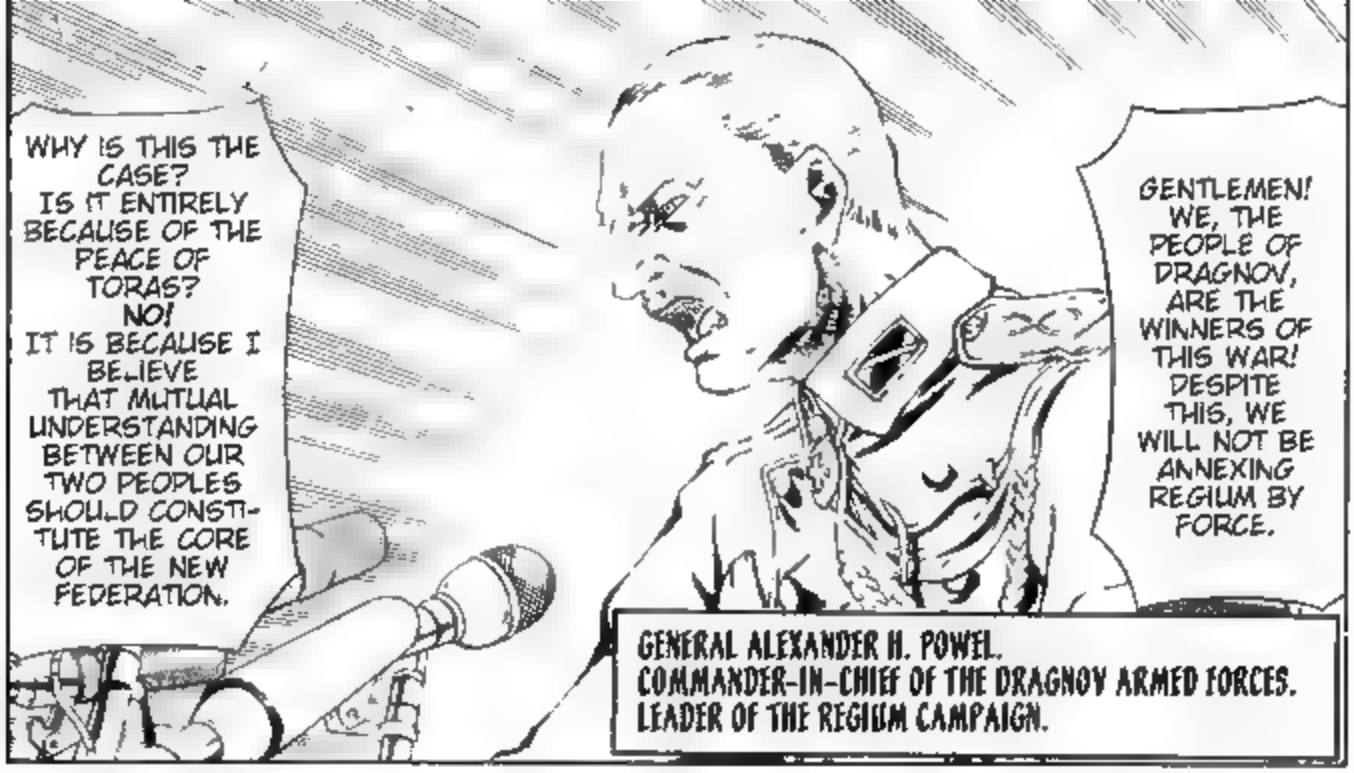
TAP

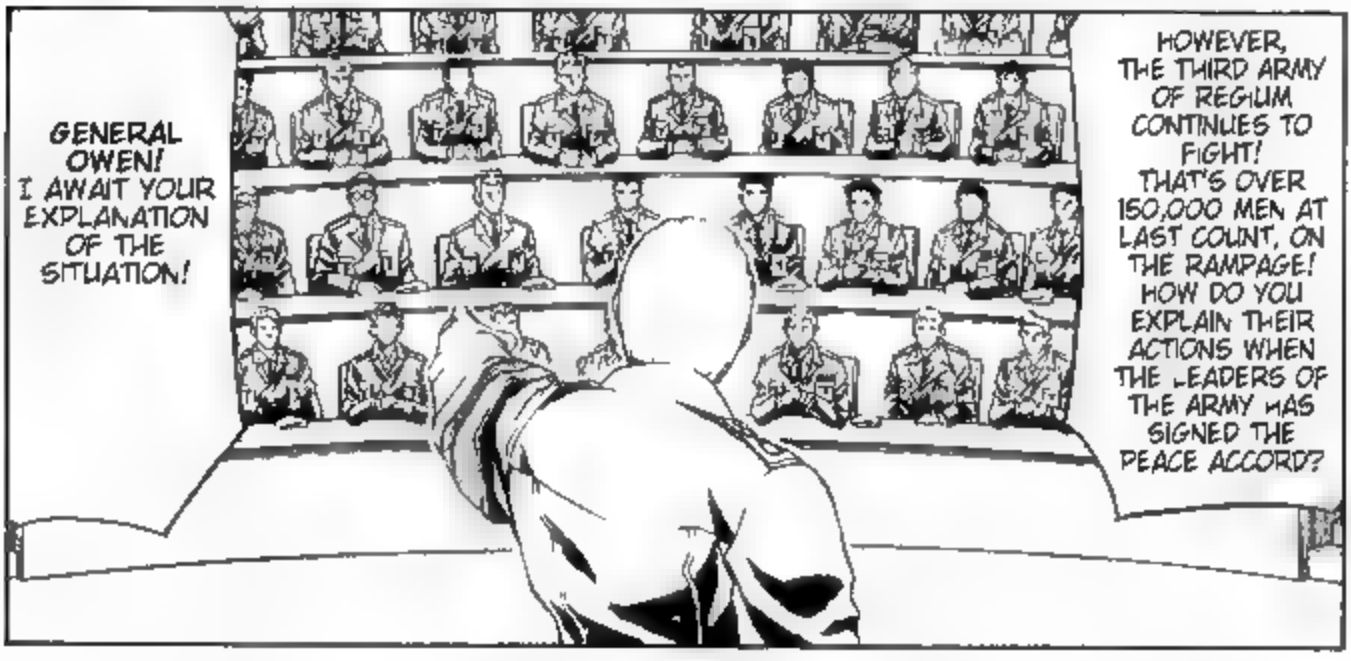
TAP

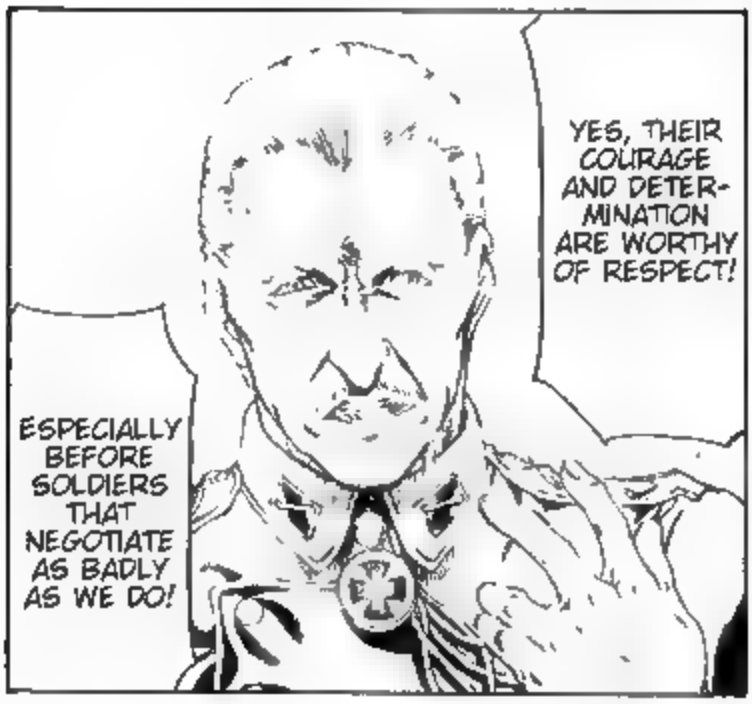
TAP

TAP

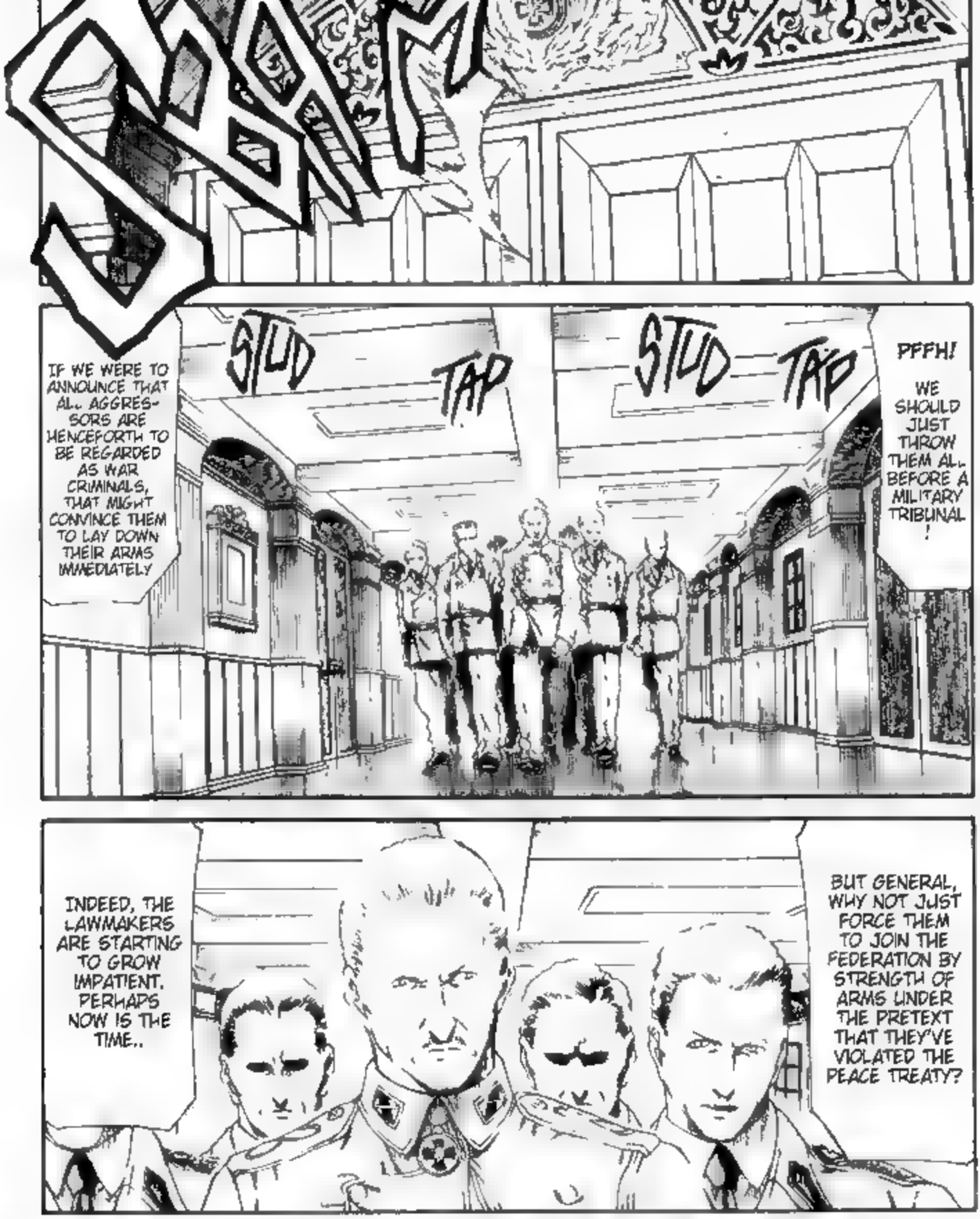

THE PARLIAMENT.
GENTLE-MEN!
HISTORY HAS SHOWN US IT'S NEC-ESSARY, EVEN FOR THE COMRADES OF OLD LOUMIS
OUR FEDERATION IS THE FRUIT OF OUR NATION'S PEOPLE AND IT REFLECTS IN THE DEDICATION WE SHOW TO OUR COUNTRY AND IT'S FUTURE!
WE SHOULD BE LOOKING TOWARDS A BETTER EXAMPLE, THAT OF SPITZEN, THE TRUE POWER!
WHY IS IT THAT WE MUST MAKE THE SAME MISTAKES AS THE CPDU?


WHY IS THIS THE CASE? IS IT ENTIRELY BECAUSE OF THE PEACE OF TORAS? NO! IT IS BECAUSE I BELIEVE THAT MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN OUR TWO PEOPLES SHOULD CONSTITUTE THE CORE OF THE NEW FEDERATION.
GENTLEMEN! WE, THE PEOPLE OF DRAGNOV, ARE THE WINNERS OF THIS WAR! DESPITE THIS, WE WILL NOT BE ANNEXING REGIUM BY FORCE.
GENERAL ALEXANDER H. POWEL. COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF OF THE DRAGNOV ARMED FORCES. LEADER OF THE REGIUM CAMPAIGN.

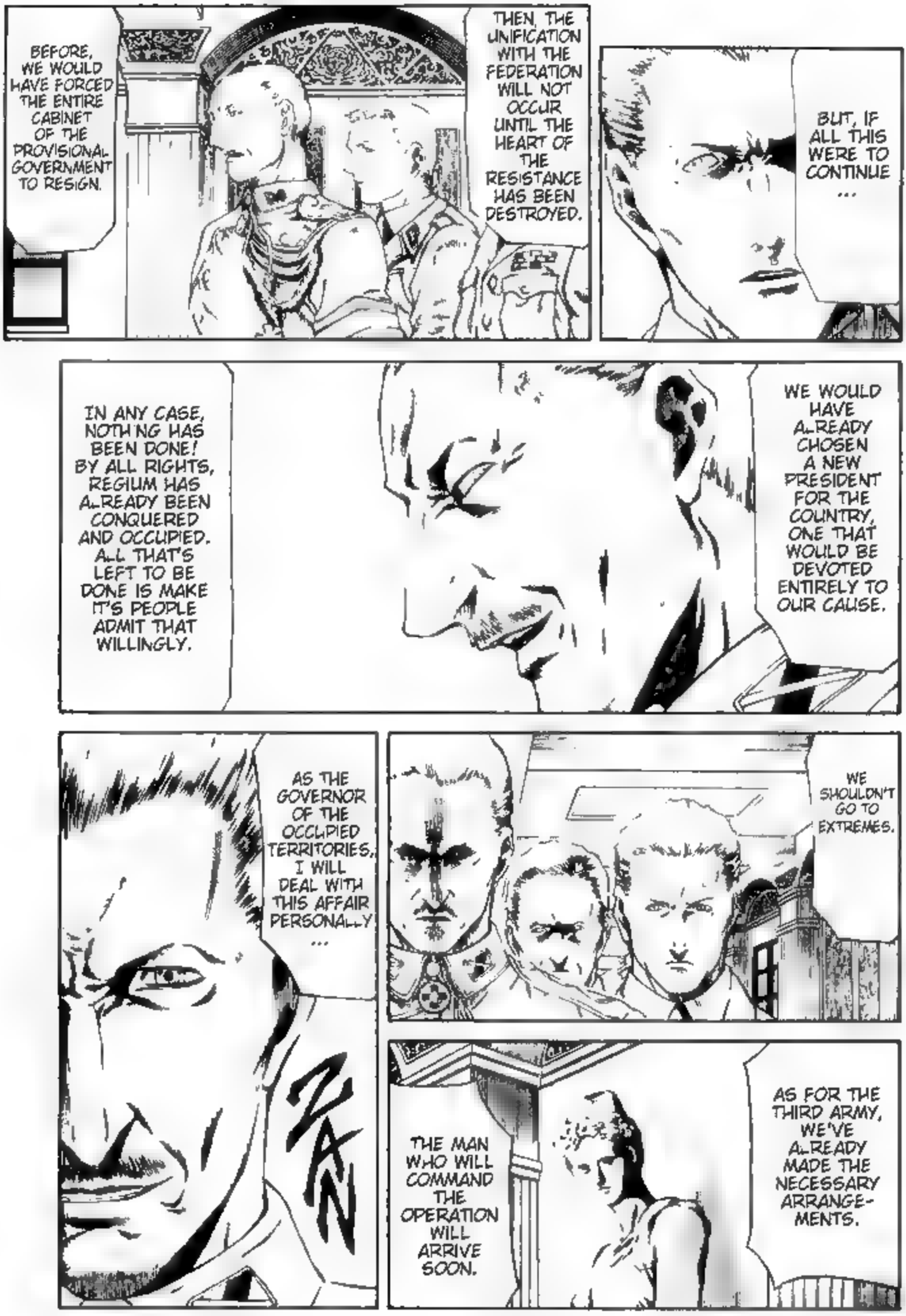

GENERAL OWEN! I AWAIT YOUR EXPLANATION OF THE SITUATION!
HOWEVER, THE THIRD ARMY OF REGIUM CONTINUES TO FIGHT! THAT'S OVER 150,000 MEN AT LAST COUNT, ON THE RAMPAGE! HOW DO YOU EXPLAIN THEIR ACTIONS WHEN THE LEADERS OF THE ARMY HAS SIGNED THE PEACE ACCORD?


YES, THEIR COURAGE AND DETERMINATION ARE WORTHY OF RESPECT!
ESPECIALLY BEFORE SOLDIERS THAT NEGOTIATE AS BADLY AS WE DO!

OUR HEADQUARTERS HAS BEEN IN CONSTANT CONTACT WITH THE REBELS WE ARE TRYING OUR BEST TO CONVINCE THEM.
THEY ARE MERELY BLINDED BY THEIR AMBITION TO DEFEND THEIR FATHERLAND. THEY CONSIDER US TO BE TRAITORS.
LIEUTENANT-GENERAL OWEN.


STUD
TAP
STUD
TAP
IF WE WERE TO ANNOUNCE THAT ALL AGGRESSORS ARE HENCEFORTH TO BE REGARDED AS WAR CRIMINALS, THAT MIGHT CONVINCE THEM TO LAY DOWN THEIR ARMS IMMEDIATELY
PFFH! WE SHOULD JUST THROW THEM ALL BEFORE A MILITARY TRIBUNAL!
INDEED, THE LAWMAKERS ARE STARTING TO GROW IMPATIENT. PERHAPS NOW IS THE TIME..
BUT GENERAL, WHY NOT JUST FORCE THEM TO JOIN THE FEDERATION BY STRENGTH OF ARMS UNDER THE PRETEXT THAT THEY'VE VIOLATED THE PEACE TREATY?
THE POLITICIANS OF GAYER CANNOT DICTATE ALL MATTERS OF THE STATE!
TAP
STUD
WITHOUT DEPLOYING OCCUPATIONAL FORCES HERE, IN THE CAPITAL? WHAT A PREPOSTEROUS IDEA THAT IS!

GAYER = GAYER BORISPAL. THE CAPITAL OF AKLAIA, ONE OF THE THREE COUNTRIES THAT MAKE UP THE DRAGNOV FEDERATION. AKLAIA IS THE LEADING NATION OF THE FEDERATION AND THUS, HOSTS THE FEDERAL PARLIAMENT IN ITS CAPITAL.

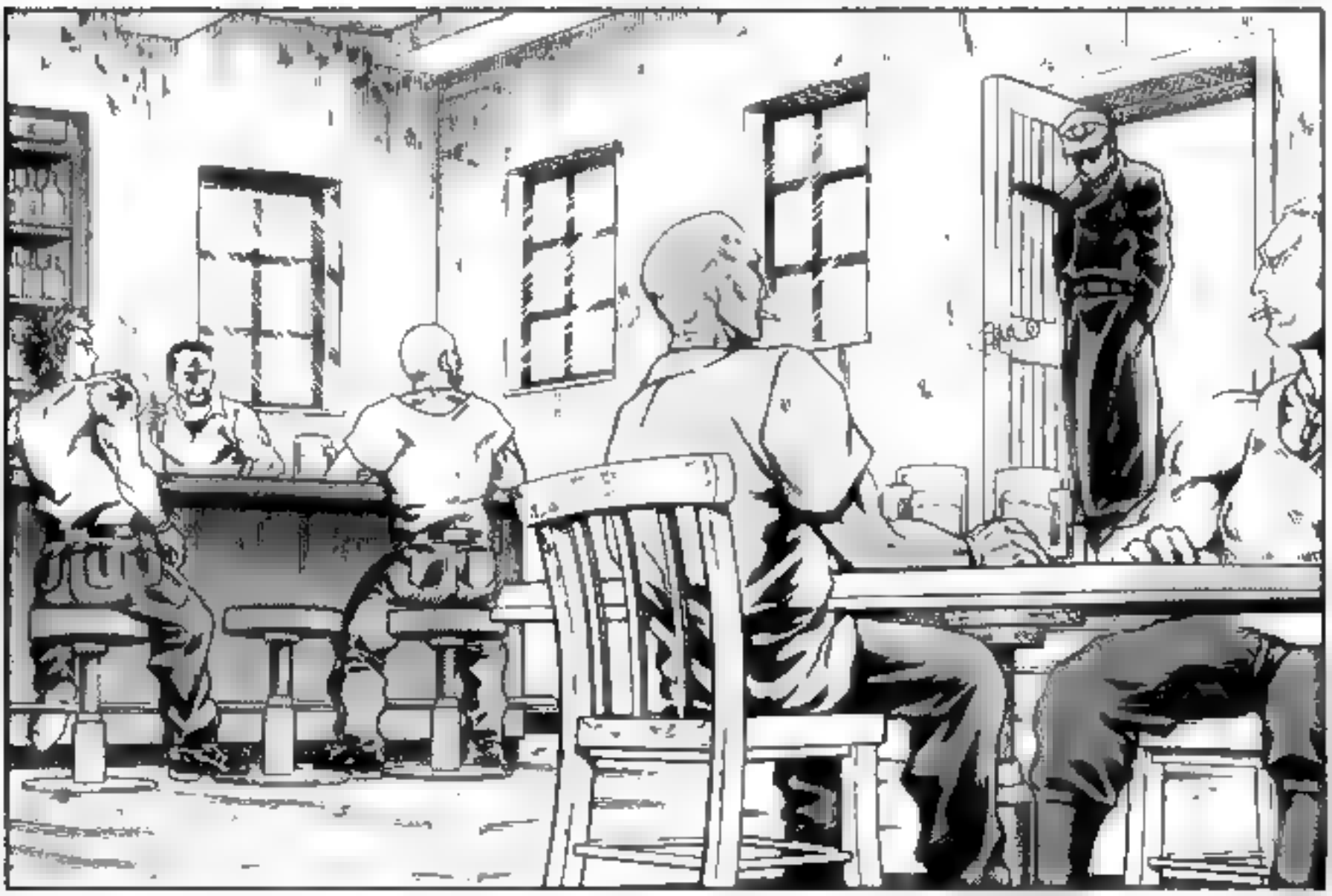

BEFORE, WE WOULD HAVE FORCED THE ENTIRE CABINET OF THE PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT TO RESIGN.
THEN, THE UNIFICATION WITH THE FEDERATION WILL NOT OCCUR UNTIL THE HEART OF THE RESISTANCE HAS BEEN DESTROYED.
BUT, IF ALL THIS WERE TO CONTINUE ...
IN ANY CASE, NOTHING HAS BEEN DONE! BY ALL RIGHTS, REGIUM HAS ALREADY BEEN CONQUERED AND OCCUPIED. ALL THAT'S LEFT TO BE DONE IS MAKE IT'S PEOPLE ADMIT THAT WILLINGLY.
WE WOULD HAVE ALREADY CHOSEN A NEW PRESIDENT FOR THE COUNTRY, ONE THAT WOULD BE DEVOTED ENTIRELY TO OUR CAUSE.
AS THE GOVERNOR OF THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES, I WILL DEAL WITH THIS AFFAIR PERSONALLY ...
WE SHOULDN'T GO TO EXTREMES.
THE MAN WHO WILL COMMAND THE OPERATION WILL ARRIVE SOON.
AS FOR THE THIRD ARMY, WE'VE ALREADY MADE THE NECESSARY ARRANGEMENTS.

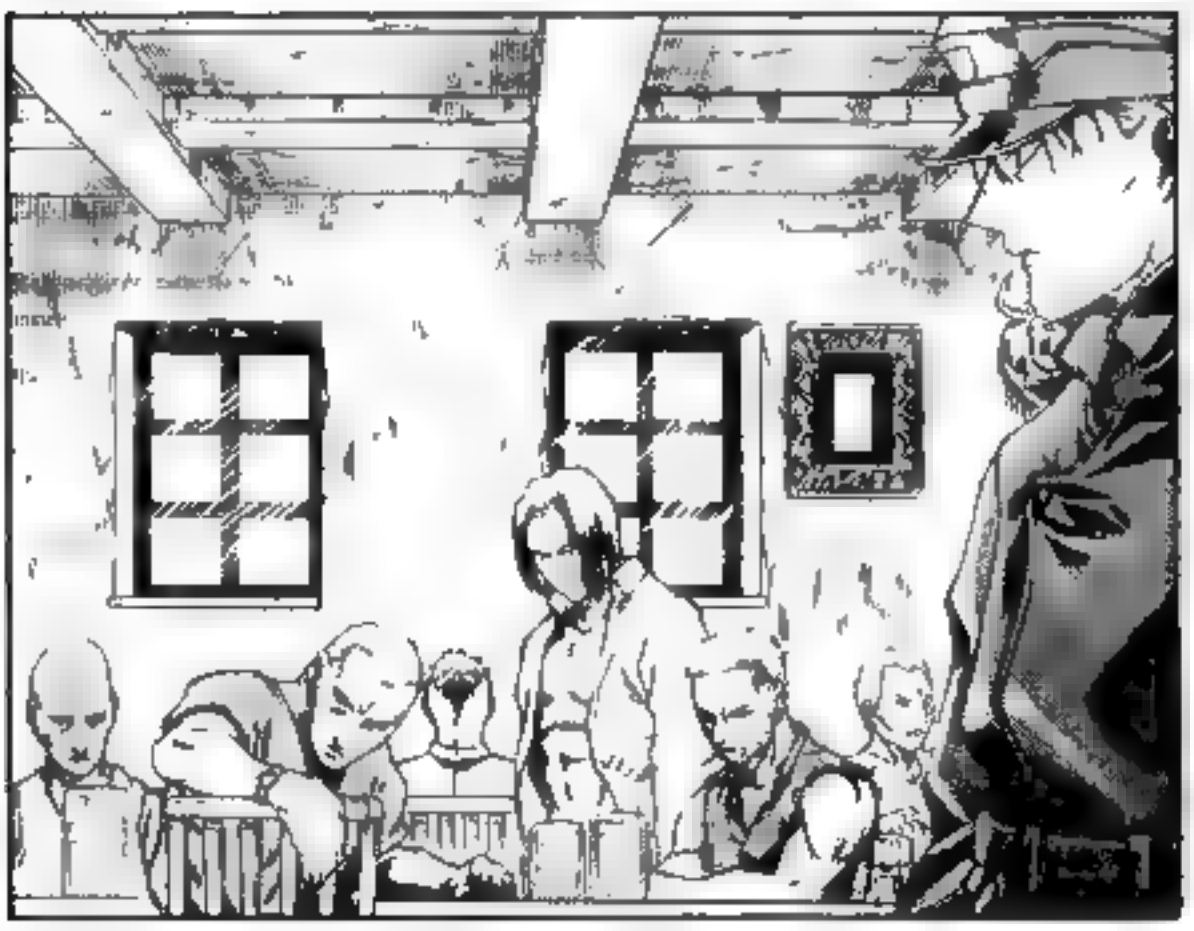
MILK IS BEING RATIONED, IT'S NOT ENOUGH!
GIVE US FOOD! WE NEED MEAT!
ALL OF YOU, DISPERSE! RETURN TO YOUR HOMES!
GIVE ME BACK MY WIFE AND CHILDREN!!
WE DON'T WANT TO BE INTEGRATED INTO THE FEDERATION!
BRICKFAR PARK
SITOVA DISTRICT
SOLGRENNE
A SMALL GIFT FOR YOU!
WHY GO TO WAR WHEN YOU CAN'T EVEN BLOODY WIN IT?!
AREN'T THEY WONDERFUL? "THE INVINCIBLE DEFENDERS OF REGIUM"!!
IF YOU ARMY PEOPLE WERE MORE CAPABLE WE WOULDN'T BE IN THIS SITUATION!
YOU'D STRIKE YOUR OWN COUNTRY-MEN?!
STOP!
BOOM
AIE!
TAKE HIM DOWN!
BOOM
LOOK OUT!

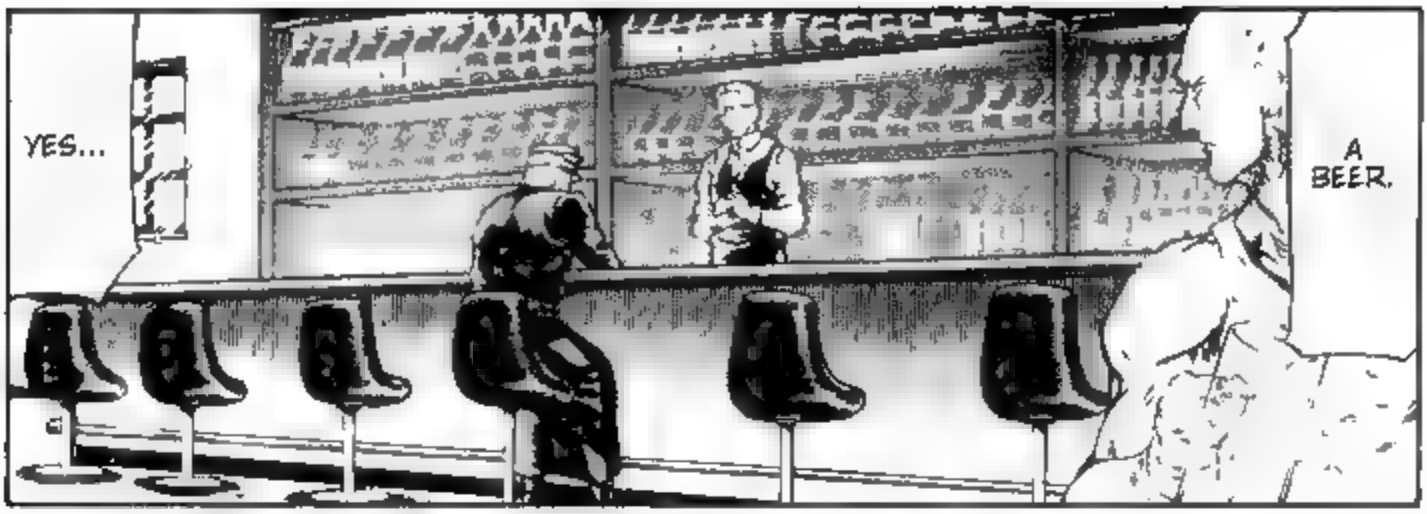
YOU'VE LOST THE WAR! BUT YOU'VE STILL GOT THE GUTS TO ATTACK CIVILIANS!
LOOK OUT!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING ?
WAAH!
SWAASH
ALL UNITS! WATCH OUT FOR MOLOTOV COCKTAILS! SUPPRESS ALL RESISTANCE!
TOADIES OF THE DRAG-NOVS!
YOU'RE ALL .
REGROUP!
SWAASH
RUN!
DAMN!
TAP
TAP
TAP
TAP
BAR monster

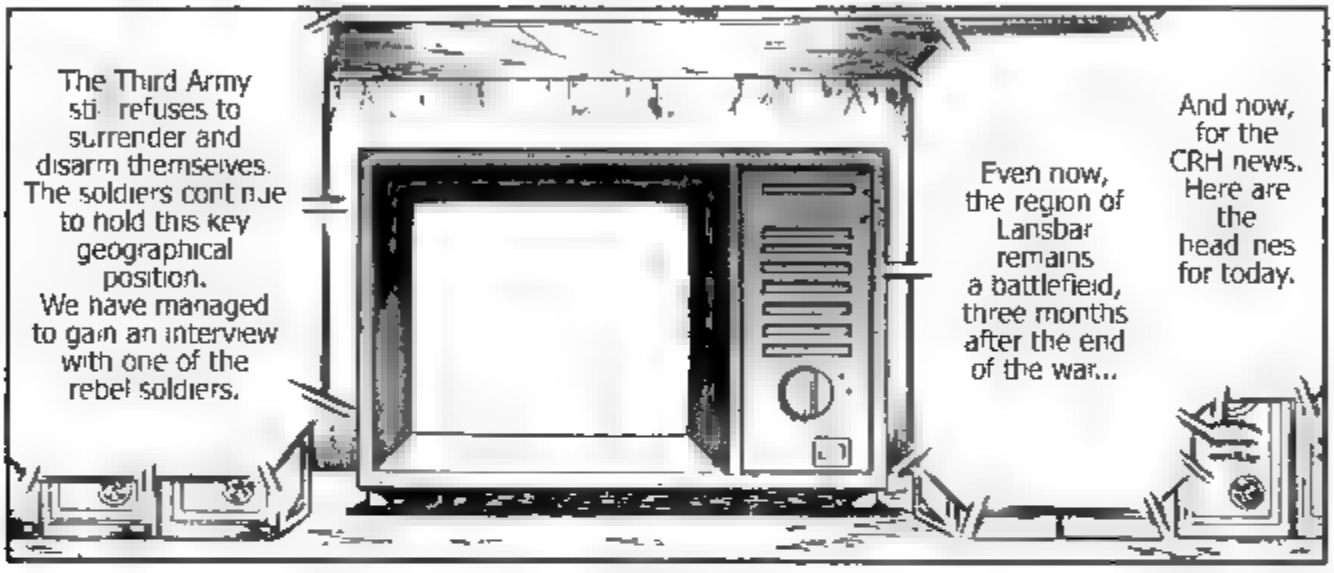
TAP
TAP

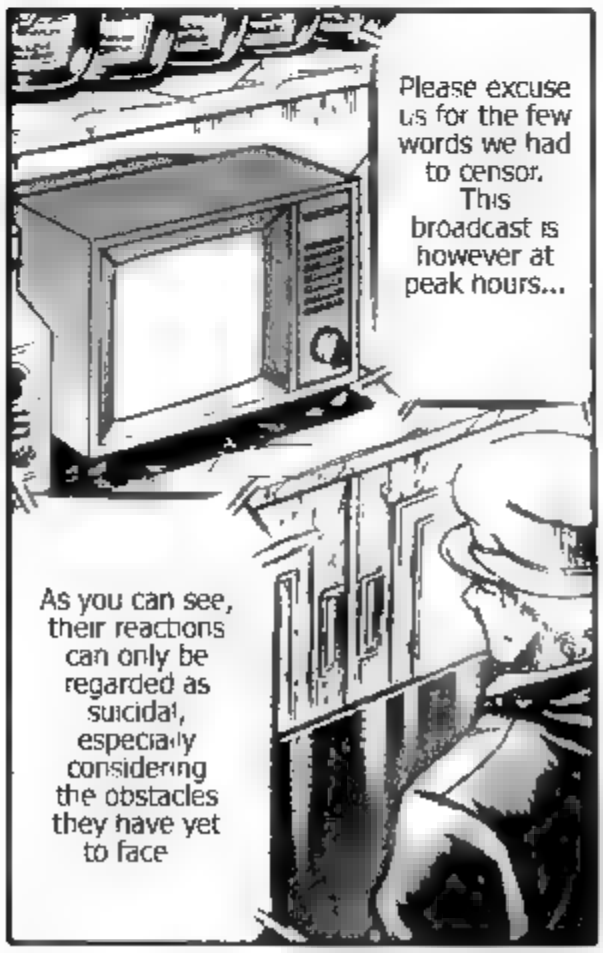
CRIIC
CRIIC






YES...
A BEER.


The Third Army still refuses to surrender and disarm themselves. The soldiers continue to hold this key geographical position. We have managed to gain an interview with one of the rebel soldiers.
Even now, the region of Lansbar remains a battlefield, three months after the end of the war...
And now, for the CRH news. Here are the headlines for today.


Please excuse us for the few words we had to censor. This broadcast is however at peak hours...
As you can see, their reactions can only be regarded as suicidal, especially considering the obstacles they have yet to face

That's a bullshit You hear me? We have not been defeated yet!
The main army has surrendered, even those posted in Bergen. Why do you continue to fight?

You get it? You sons of XXX and XXX!
Al those Dragnov XXX. Me, I'm gonna XXX a l of 'em with my big XXX!!

AT LEAST THEY DON'T THINK THEY'VE BEEN DEFEATED!
CLANG
GAWD DAMN! THEY'RE A LUCKY BUNCH!
LIFE WAS GOOD ON THE BATTLEFRONT, WE HAD A JOB TO DO, AND MATES TO DO IT WITH. I'D GLADLY GO BACK ANYDAY.
NOT ONLY HAVE WE BEEN DEMOBILIZED, BUT WE'VE LOST OUR JOBS AND HOMES TOO!! WE JUST BUM AROUND ALL DAY!
HE HE.
!
YOUR UNIFORM.. IT'S A MARINE* UNIFORM!
SURELY THE REGIUM ARMY WOULD STILL BE FIGHTING!
IF YOU SAILORS HAD DONE YOUR JOB DURING OPERATION CHARIOT** ...

*INFANTRY ARM OF THE NAVAL FORCES.

**OPERATION CHARIOT WAS THE LANDING OF TROOPS AT ADISIA, A JOINT OPERATION BETWEEN THE ARMY AND NAVY. IT TOOK PLACE ON THE 1ST OF THE 6TH MONTH, 18' 6M. THIS HUGE UNDERTAKING WAS TO BE THE LYNCHPIN FOR THE COUNTER-ATTACKS AGAINST THE DRAGNOV ARMY. UNFORTUNATELY THE MARINES WERE DEFEATED IN A NAVAL BATTLE OFF THE COAST OF OSTORIV, FORCING A RETREAT AND ALLOWING FOR DRAGNOV FORCES TO LAND AT CONSTANZA

WHAT'S FUNNY?!
NAVY
ALL BECAUSE YOU CAN'T CONTINUE THE WAR ALONE...
YOU COMPLAIN LIKE A GRANNY, NO, MORE LIKE A WHIPPED DOG...
ZAN
ZAN
EH!
I THINK YOU NEED A LESSON ON LIVIN'!
DID YOU COME HERE TO PREACH TO US? DO YOU THINK YOU'RE SOME SORTA PRIEST?!
KILL
FINE BY ME.
YA HEAR ME?
GET UP!

KNOCK KNOCK
YES? COME IN!
MY THANKS FOR YOUR PERSEVER-ANCE ON SUCH A EXTENDED ESPIONAGE MISSION.

I AM VERY SATISFIED WITH YOUR WORK..

OR SHOULD I STILL CALL YOU LIEUTENANT OF THE REGULAR ARMY?
COLONEL KRAYZ.
COLONEL KRAYZ, ATTACHE TO INTEL 7TH DIVISION. DRAGNOV FEDERATION HIGH COMMAND

I CAME TO OFFER MY CONGRATULATION, ON YOUR IMPENDING APPOINTMENT TO FIELD MARSHALL OF THE FEDERATION

IN RECOGNITION OF YOUR SERVICES AND MANY VICTORIES, THE DRAGNOV FEDERATION HAS APPOINTED YOU TO THE RANK OF COLONEL..
HEH HEH.
YOU'RE DOING WELL FOR YOURSELF, DRAWING PAY FROM TWO ARMIES.

I HAVE A MISSION THAT REQUIRES YOUR SKILLS.
BAH! A SIMPLE MATTER, IT'S MERELY TO PREVENT ANY FURTHER UPRISINGS. NOTHING SPECIAL.

DON'T WORRY ABOUT YOUR IDENTITY. I WILL PROVIDE YOU WITH COMPLETE COVER, AS USUAL.
I WOULD LIKE FOR YOU TO ERADICATE ALL THE REBELS STILL ACTIVE IN REGIUM.

WHAT?!

PHHH

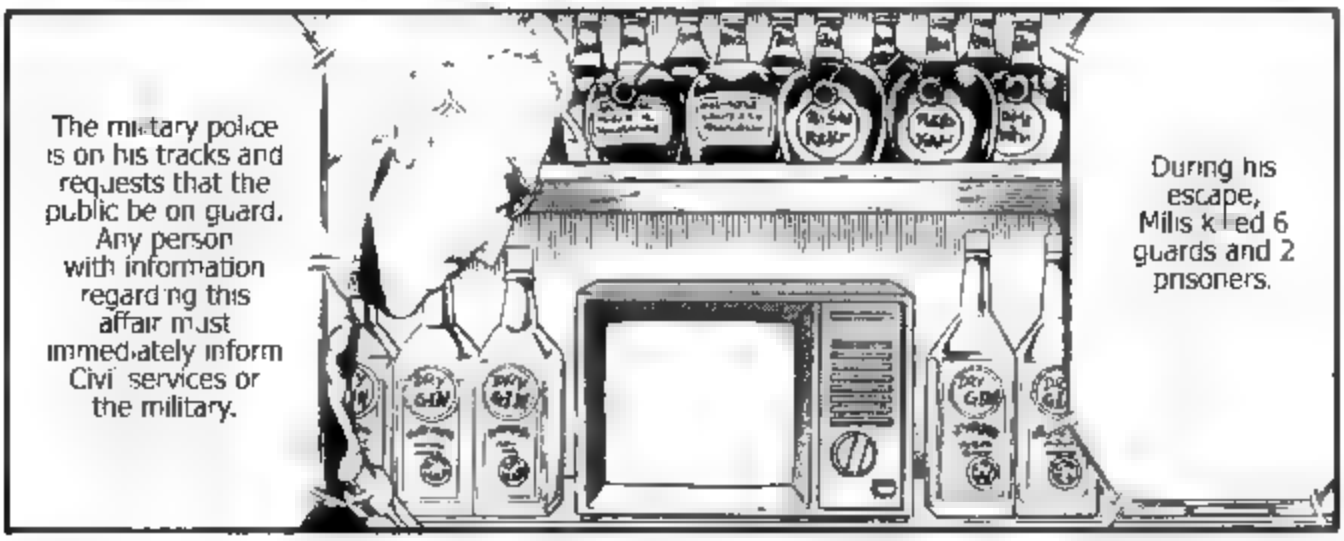
I SUSPECTED AS MUCH... I WILL DO MY BEST.

EXCUSE ME, COLONEL ...

IT IS AS YOU EXPECTED, COLONEL ...
A MESSAGE FROM MELVILLE PR.SON...
TROUBLE, COLONEL?
NOT TO WORRY ABOUT GENERAL.
IT'S NOTHING.
HEHE.
YES, S.R!
CONTACT WALDMANN AND HAVE H.M MOBILIZE BLACKBIRD.
A DEER SEEMS TO ESCAPED FROM HIS CAGE AT OUR ZOO.
WE'LL JUST HAVE TO RECAPTURE HIM.

... HE ISN'T HUMAN, THIS GUY...
...HE ...
FHHH.
HAA.
OUCH
HAAH..
FHH
FHH.
HAA
HEUH
FHH
AE
AND THUS, THE BAIT IS SET.

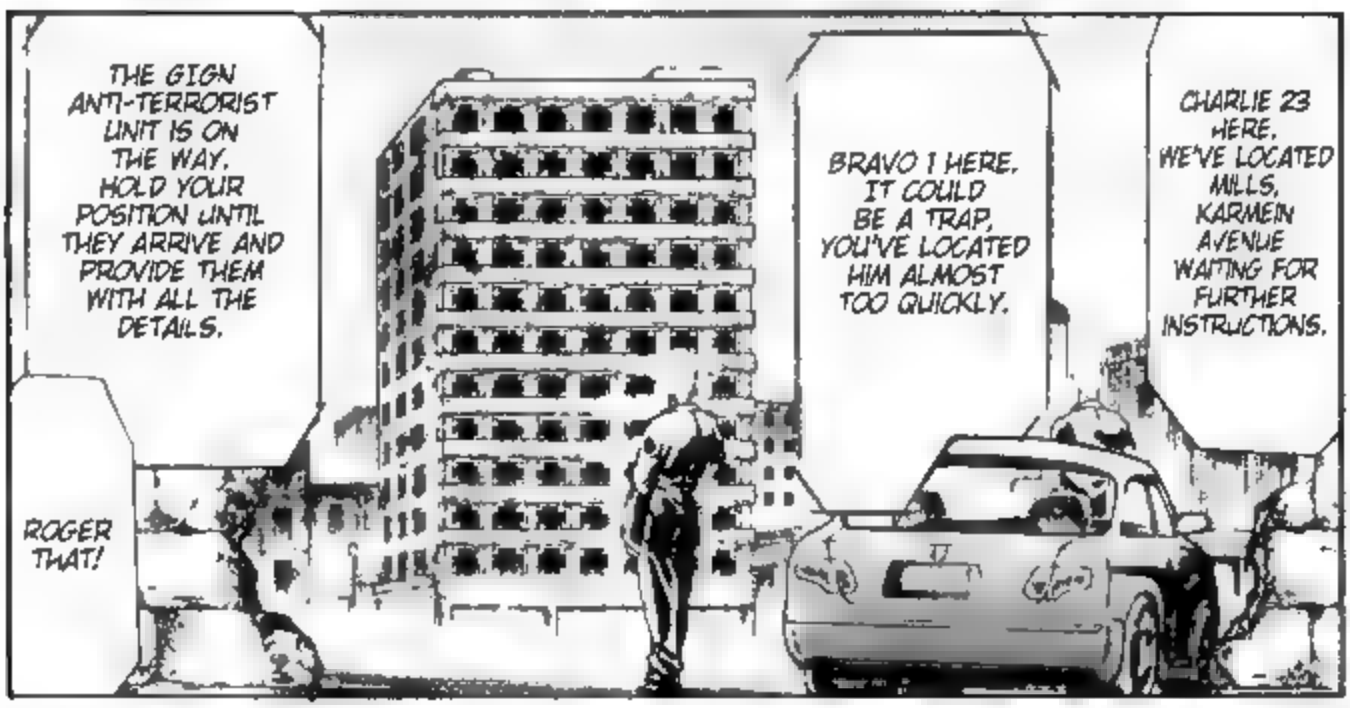
The former army captain Grahald Milis, condemned to death for treason against the state, has escaped from the military prison at Melville
News Flash. We have just received a official statement from the armed forces. According to it's spokesmen .

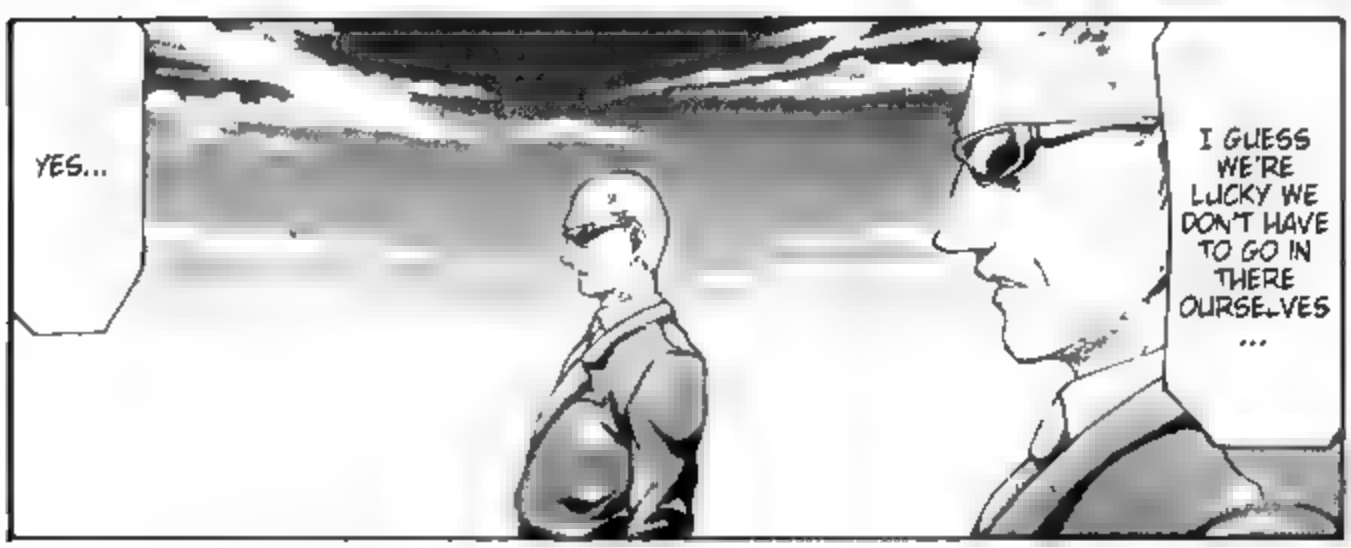

The military police is on his tracks and requests that the public be on guard. Any person with information regarding this affair must immediately inform Civil services or the military.
During his escape, Milis killed 6 guards and 2 prisoners.

IF WALDMANN IS PART OF THE GIGN, HE'LL SEARCH ME OUT WITHOUT FAIL.
ZAN

SO KRAYZ HAS LEAKED THE INFORMATION TO THE MEDIA!
THEY'LL DEFINITELY COME FOR MY BAIT!

AS FOR THE BAR, ASK THE ARMY TO COMPENSATE YOU FOR THE INFORMATION.
HERE, FOR THE BEER ...
KIIN
KIIN


THE GIGN ANTI-TERRORIST UNIT IS ON THE WAY. HOLD YOUR POSITION UNTIL THEY ARRIVE AND PROVIDE THEM WITH ALL THE DETAILS.
ROGER THAT!
BRAVO 1 HERE. IT COULD BE A TRAP. YOU'VE LOCATED HIM ALMOST TOO QUICKLY.
CHARLIE 23 HERE. WE'VE LOCATED MILLS, KARMEIN AVENUE WAITING FOR FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS.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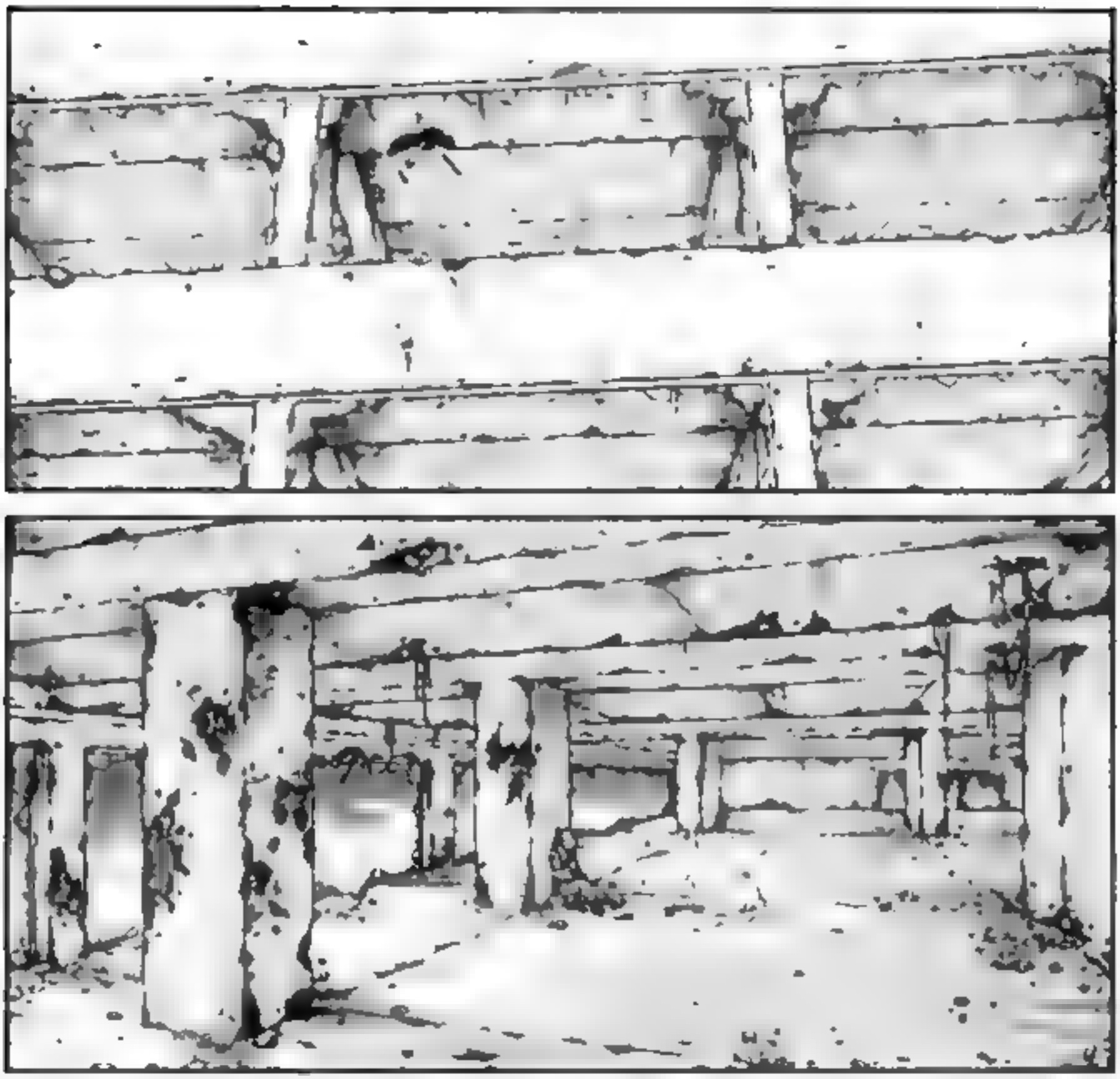
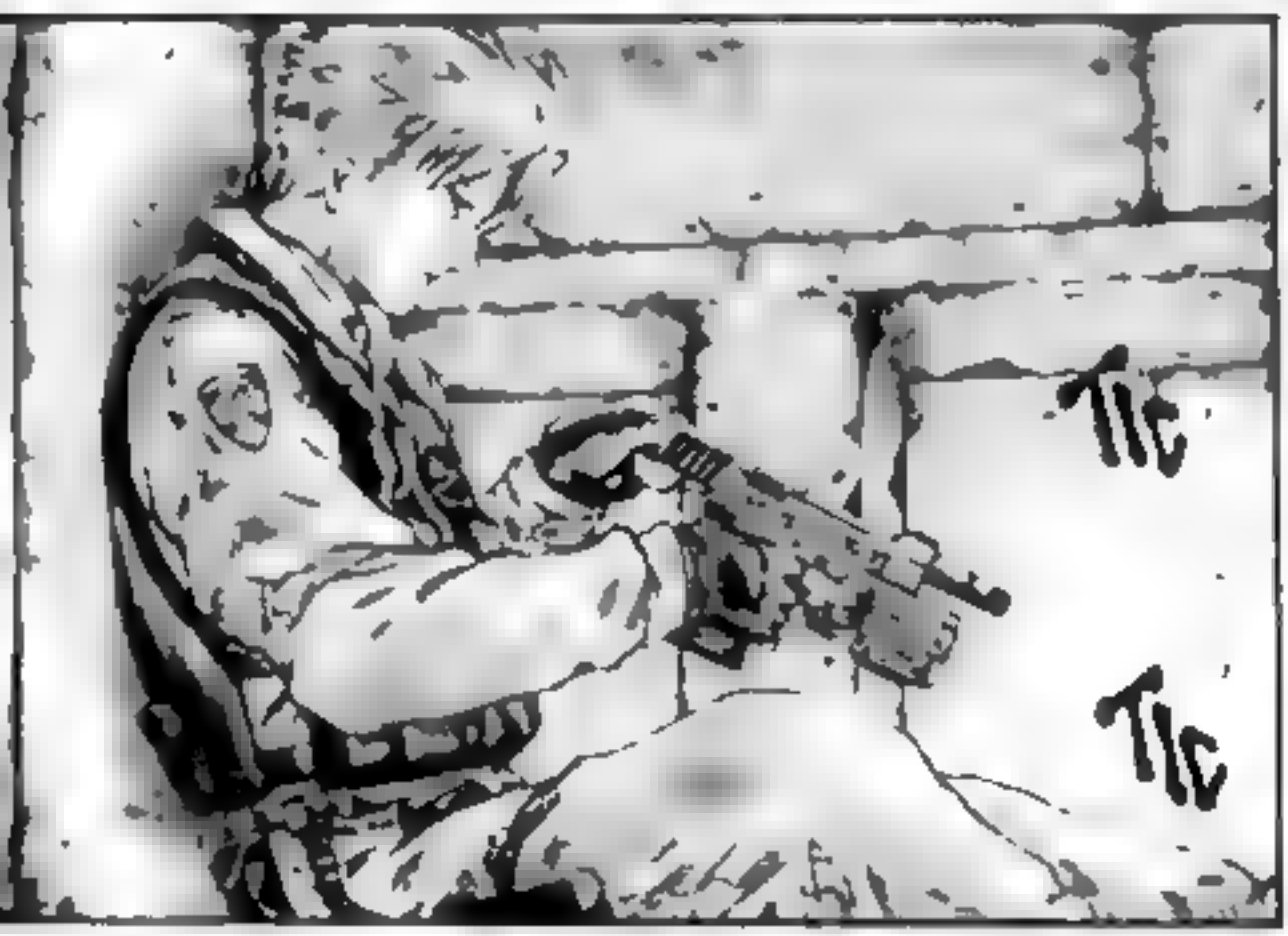
I GUESS WE'RE LUCKY WE DON'T HAVE TO GO IN THERE OURSELVES ...

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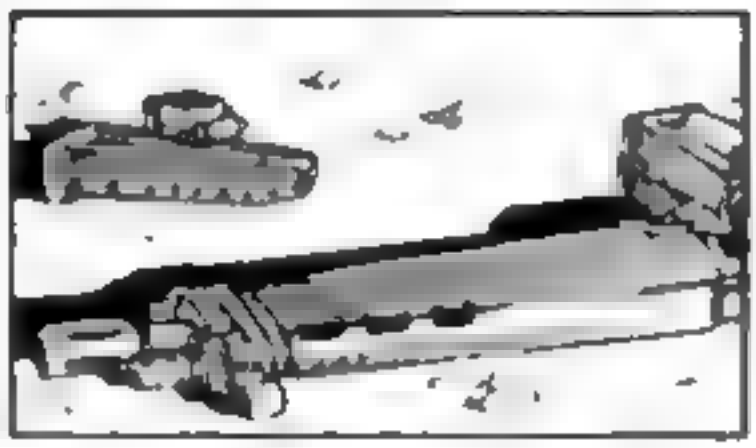
TIC TIC



SWAA
TAP
KRUM
...TO SHOW YOURSELF
TATLAC
YOU HAVE 3 SECONDS ...
....AWW SHIT!
TLAC
TAP
2
TAP TAP
3

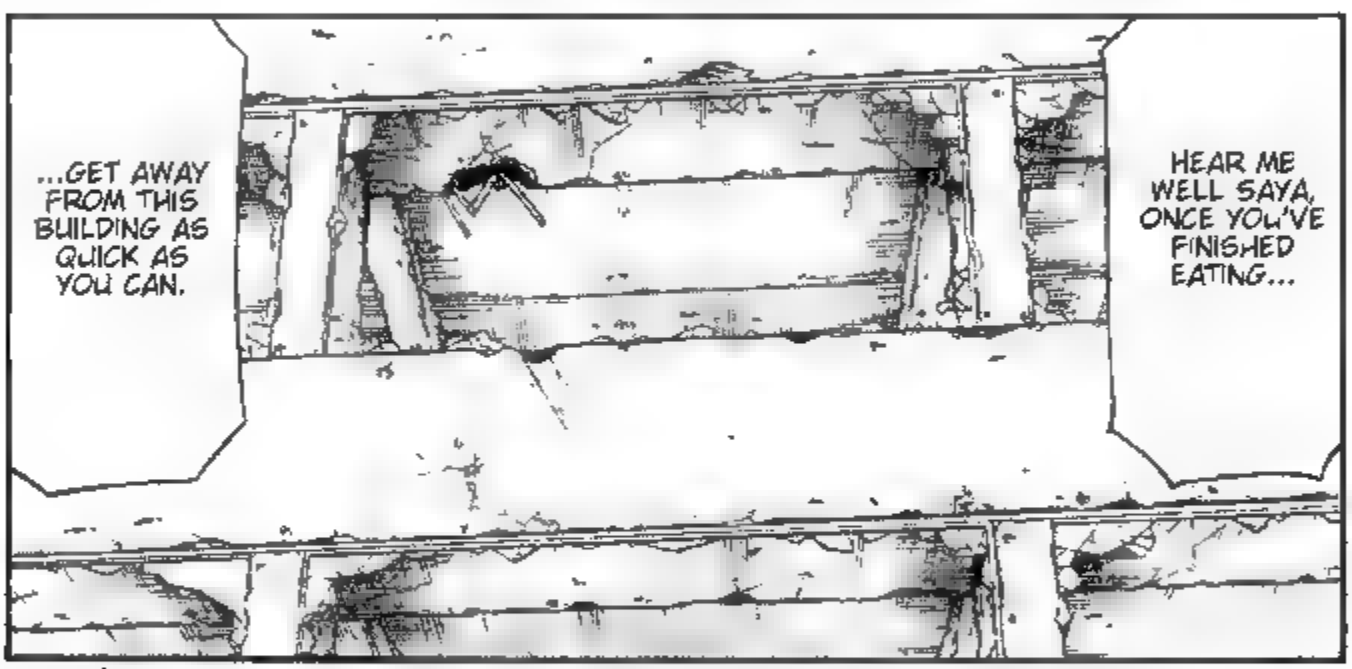
GROAR

GO HOME!
THIS ISN'T
A KIDS
PLAYGROUND!

EH !

YOU MUST HAVE A HOME, A PLACE TO SLEEP AT LEAST?
GNAM GNAM
WHEN YOU'RE DONE EATING, GO HOME AT ONCE, UNDER-STAND?
GNAMM
TIC
SHA
SHA
SHA
GNAM GNAM
SHA
ANY PARENTS?
THEN TELL ME, WHAT'S YOUR NAME?
NO.
ARE YOU DUMB OR SOMETHING?

SAYA HAMILTON
SAYA


...GET AWAY FROM THIS BUILDING AS QUICK AS YOU CAN.
HEAR ME WELL SAYA, ONCE YOU'VE FINISHED EATING...

GULP

KIIN
...IS GOING TO TURN INTO A BATTLE-FIELD.
BECAUSE IN A SHORT WHILE, THIS PLACE...

BAITH HERE, I HAVE VISUAL CONTACT.
ROGER! BAITH, HAVE YOU LOCATED THE TARGET?
FORWARD HERE, WE'RE IN POSITION.
HE'S BEEN IN THE SAME POSITION FOR SOME TIME.
TARGET IS ON THE EIGHTH FLOOR, MIDDLE OF THE BUILDING. HE HASN'T MOVED.

"BAITH" GROUP
G.I.G.N.
ARE YOU SURE IT'S NOT A DUMMY?
OBVIOUSLY, HE MUST BE SLEEPING.
GOOD... BAITH, ARE YOU READY?
ROGER !
COMMANDER RADITCZ
3RD ASSAULT GROUP
AT THIS DISTANCE, I CANNOT BE 100% CERTAIN.
ZAN
BUT OUR INFRA-RED SCOPE CLEARLY SHOWS ONE HEAT SOURCE.
ROGER !
COME IN FORWARD. THE ATTACK BEGINS AT 2350. UNTIL THEN, HOLD POSITION.
"FORWARD" GROUP
3RD ASSAULT GROUP

IT'S GOOD TO HAVE YOU HERE!
TAP
OH !

SO, LIEUTENANT! WHAT'S THE SITUATION?
CAPTAIN WALDMANN!
CAPTAIN MICHAEL WALDMANN
1ST ARMORED UNIT OF THE G.I.G.N.

THE ASSAULT BEGINS AT 2350. ONLY A SINGLE TARGET. WE CANNOT FAIL.
THE OPERATION IS PROCEEDING WITHOUT INCIDENT, SIR!

WE ARE THE BEST ANTI-TERRORIST UNIT OUT THERE.
YOU SHOULD KNOW CAPTAIN, I HAVE COMPLETE TRUST IN OUR UNIT.
YOU REALLY BELIEVE THAT?
...THE ENTIRE PROBLEM.
GRAT
GRAT
YEAH WELL... THAT IS...
HE ISN'T A TERRORIST.
WHAT IS?
HE'S *GENOCIDE*.

WE EXPECT TO FINISH IN 30 SECONDS.
I SEE ...
SINCE TIME IS SHORT, I'LL TAKE MY LEAVE!
AH YES...?
ROGER!
COME IN FORWARD. WE'RE STARTING THE COUNTDOWN, ARE YOU READY?
COPY THAT!
YOU MUST TAKE HIM DOWN IN 30 SECONDS, UNDERSTOOD?

STARTING THE COUNT-DOWN! 10!
...9 !
...6 !
...5 !
PLL
...7 !
TA-LI-SHAM
...8 !
...4 !
A MARINE UNIFORM..
BY THE WAY, WHEN CAPTAIN MILLS ESCAPED, HE SEIZED...

WHICH BLOCKS OUT THERMAL SIGNATURES...
3!
AND ALL MARINE UNIFORMS ARE MADE FROM A MATERIA....

ZA ZA ZA ZA
BEGIN THE ASSAULT.
FUSH
FUSH
SHAM

2!
?!

SO THAT HEAT SOURCE... IS PROBABLY A TRAP.
1!

CLANG

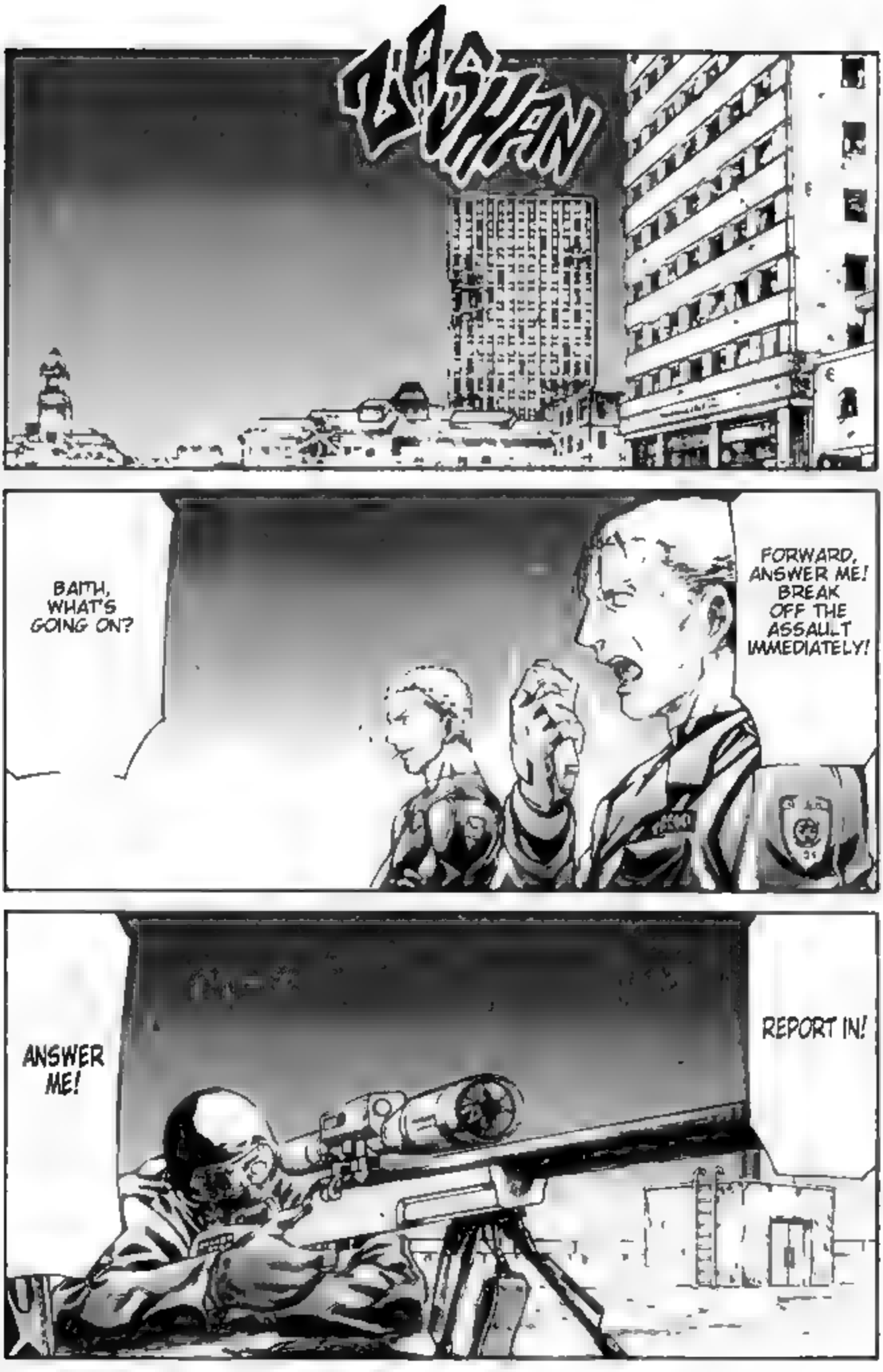
FORWARD!! BREAK OFF! BREAK OFF THE ASSAULT!!
ZAN ZAN ZAN
ZAHAHAHA

SCHHLOAW LOW
SCHAHAHAA
VISUAL ON TARGET!
KABLAM
BATATATA
FIRE!!
FIRE!!

RATATATA
BOOM
CEASE FIRE!
KIIN
KIIN
KIIN
STOP!!
BOBOOM
SHA
SHA
SHA
ANF
ANF

?!
ZAN
CLANG
WHAT?
BOTOM
ROTOTOM
...THEY WERE HEATED!
MILITARY RATIONS ...?
SURAM
GYP
BOOM
GURAM

TIN
SHYLE
ANE


LAST MAN
BAITH, WHAT'S GOING ON?
FORWARD, ANSWER ME! BREAK OFF THE ASSAULT IMMEDIATELY!
ANSWER ME!
REPORT IN!

LEAVE...
CAPTAIN, WHY DIDN'T YOU SAY ANYTHING BEF... NO, I HAVE NOTHING TO SAY, EXCUSE ME.
THEY DIDN'T EVEN LAST 30 SECONDS ...
AS FOR US, NOW WE KNOW WE DIDN'T COME OUT HERE FOR NOTHING.
IF I HAD, IT WOULD HAVE ALL BEEN FOR NOTHING... AT LEAST NOW YOU SHOWED THAT YOU HAVE FOUGHT VALIANTLY.
WALDMANN SPEAKING.
THANK YOU LIEUTENANT. WE'LL TAKE OVER FROM HERE.
ZAN
THE OPERATION IS OURS NOW. SEND THEM IN!
ROGER!
YES SIR!

RATATATATA !

KA-DAM

BLAM

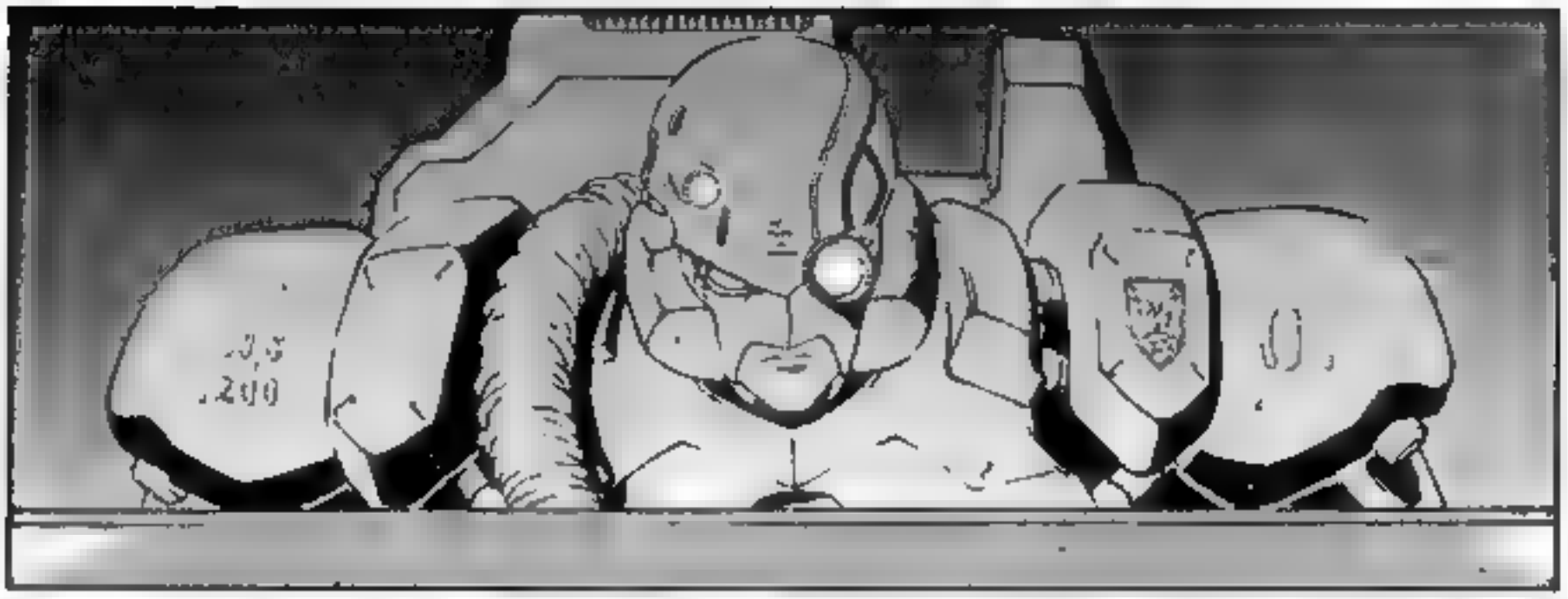
WHOM

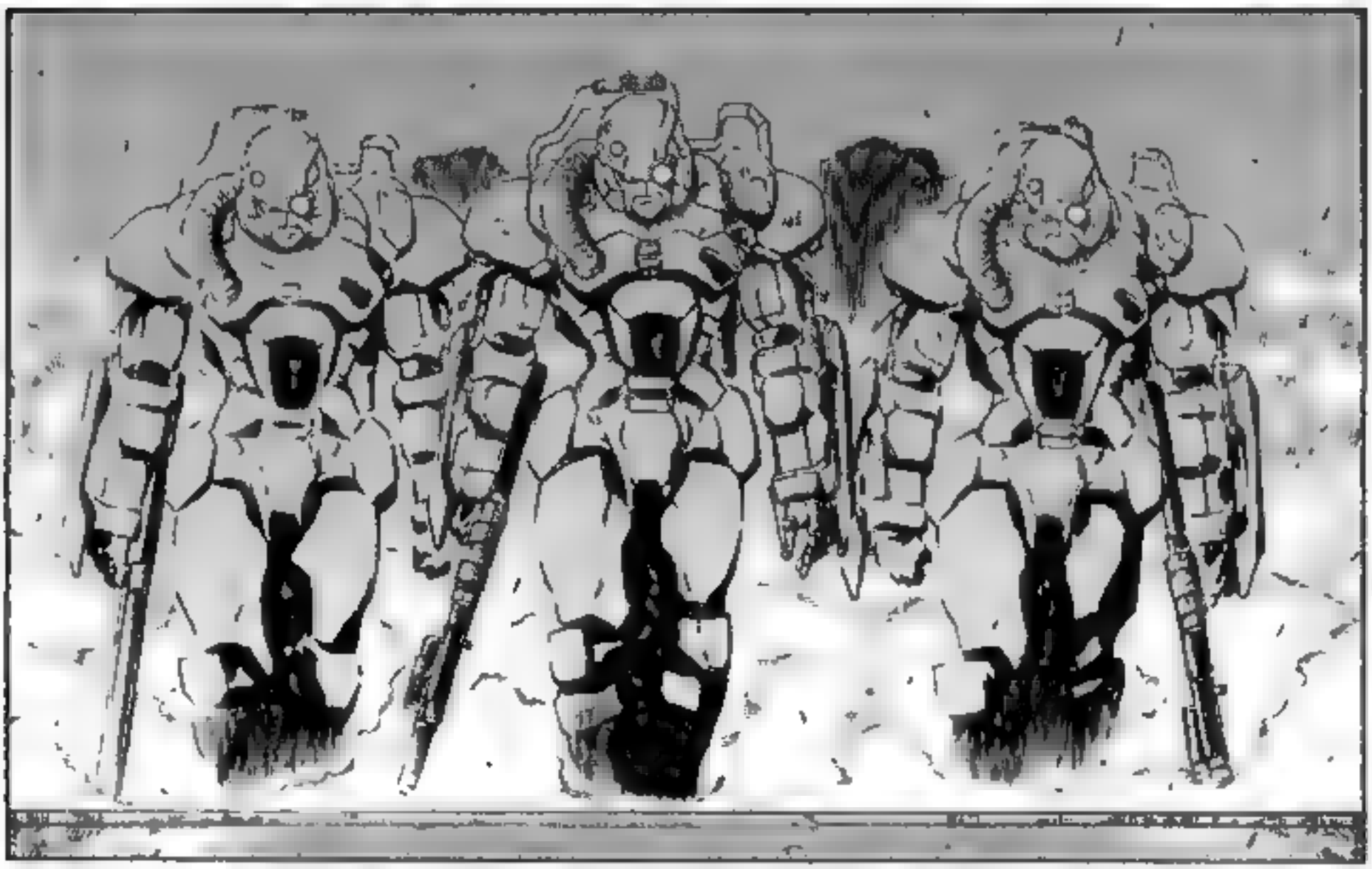
WHOM

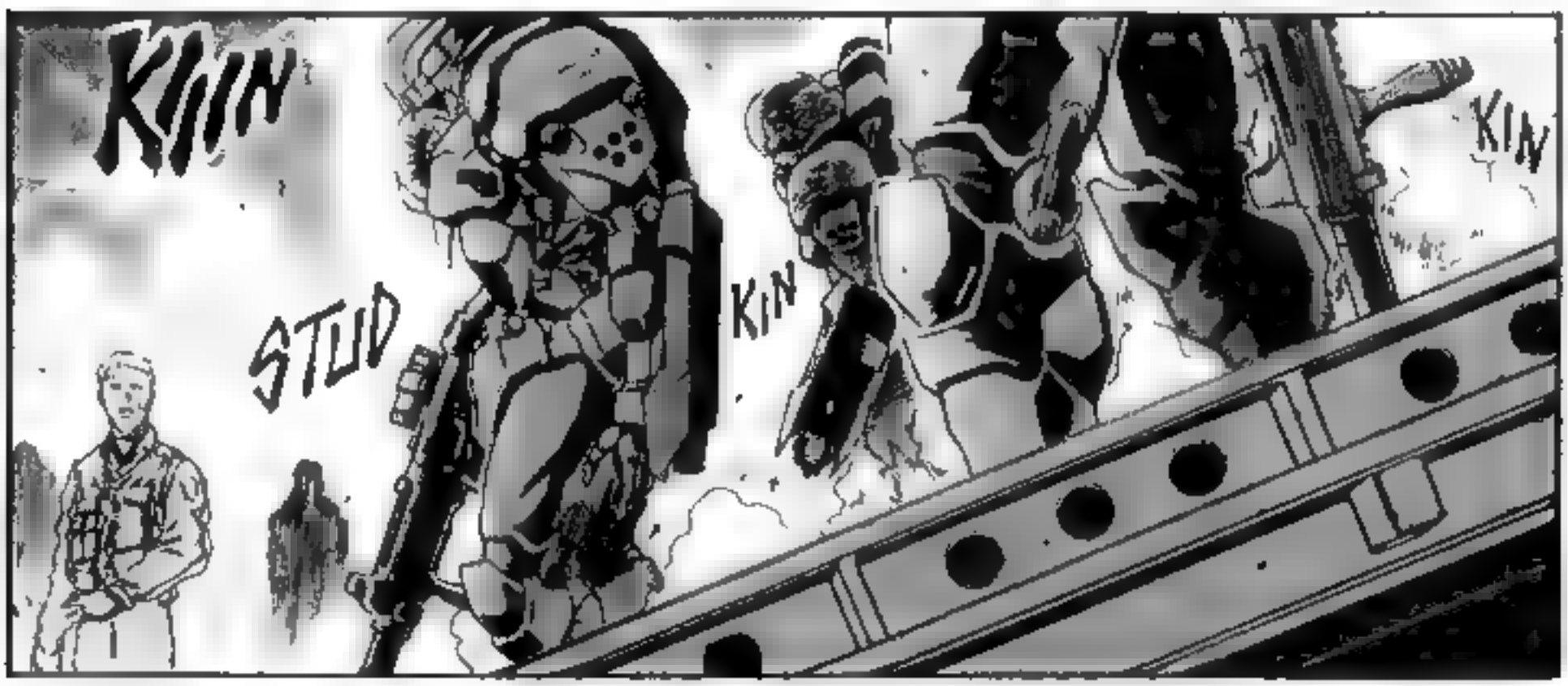
WHOM

ZASH

FSSS






KIIN
STUD
KIN
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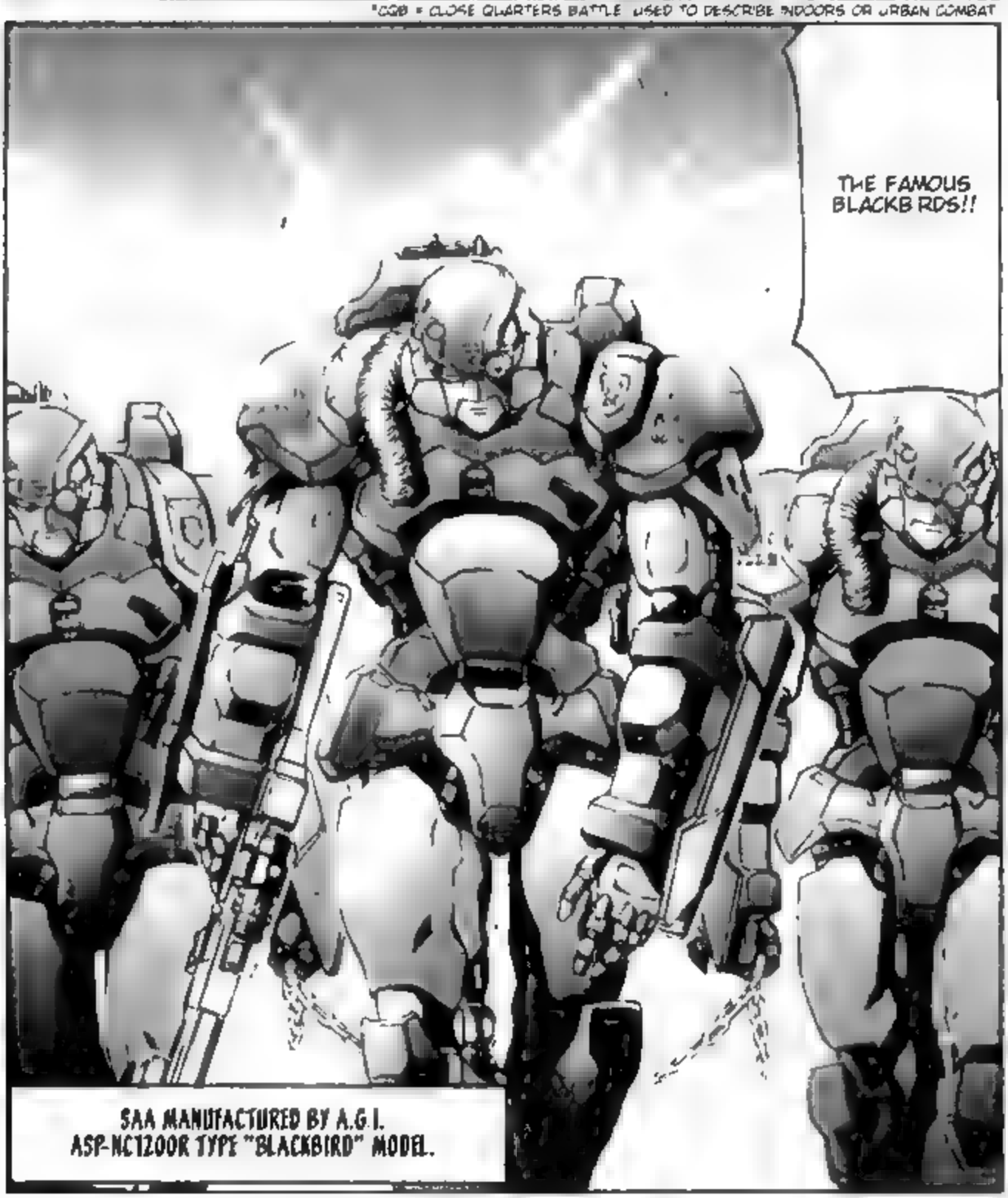
*CQB = CLOSE QUARTERS BATTLE USED TO DESCRIBE INDOORS OR URBAN COMBAT



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S.A.A SPECIAL FORCE+JACKAL

2 YEARS
3 MONTHS AGO.

CARSON,
MARTAFF REGION.

REGIUM REPUBLIC.

BLAM

BLAM

WHAT'S THE SITUATION ON YOUR END, WALDMANN?

MILLS HERE. I'VE NEUTRALIZED THE SNIPER IN SECTOR A17.

WARRANT OFFICER 2ND CLASS
GRAHAD MILLS,
1ST SPECIAL SECTION
21ST INDEPENDANT SNIPER BATTALION
ARMY OF REGIUM

WE ARE CLEAR TO ADVANCE TO POINT "OPERA"

WALDMANN HERE, A4 IS SECURED.

AS FOR ME... I'LL LINK UP WITH YOU AND THE SQUAD AFTERWARDS.

GOOD. PROCEED TO POINT "OPERA" WITH BARROS.

ACKNOWL-EDGED!

SERGEANT 1ST CLASS MIKHAIL WALDMANN
ATTACHED TO THE 1ST SPECIAL SECTION

CLIC

TRIC

FRENEZI

YAP

WHERE ARE YOU FROM, BRAT?

YOU'RE A LITTLE TOO YOUNG TO DIE, DON'T YOU THINK?

HE SAID HE WOULD GIVE ME SOME CHOCOLATE.

A MAN TOLD ME I HAD TO BRING THIS TO YOU.. AND THEN, AFTER-WARDS...

AAAAAH

THROW IT AWAY!! QUICKLY!

A MAN?

TIC

TAC

EH ?!

BOOM

LET'S GO!

SHIT!

SECTOR A17!

MILLS !

IT'S EXPLODED !

2ND OF THE
10TH MONTH,
182 GU
00:10,
KARMEIN AVENUE
SOLGRENNE SUBURBS.

A FULL MOON... AND NO WIND...
HEH!
IT'S JUST LIKE THAT NIGHT..

HE WAS MY COMMANDING OFFICER, AND A GREAT HERO IN THE WAR!

TUCK

LISTEN UP EVERYONE! THE ENEMY WE FACE TONIGHT IS NOTHING LIKE ANY-THING WE'VE FACED SO FAR!

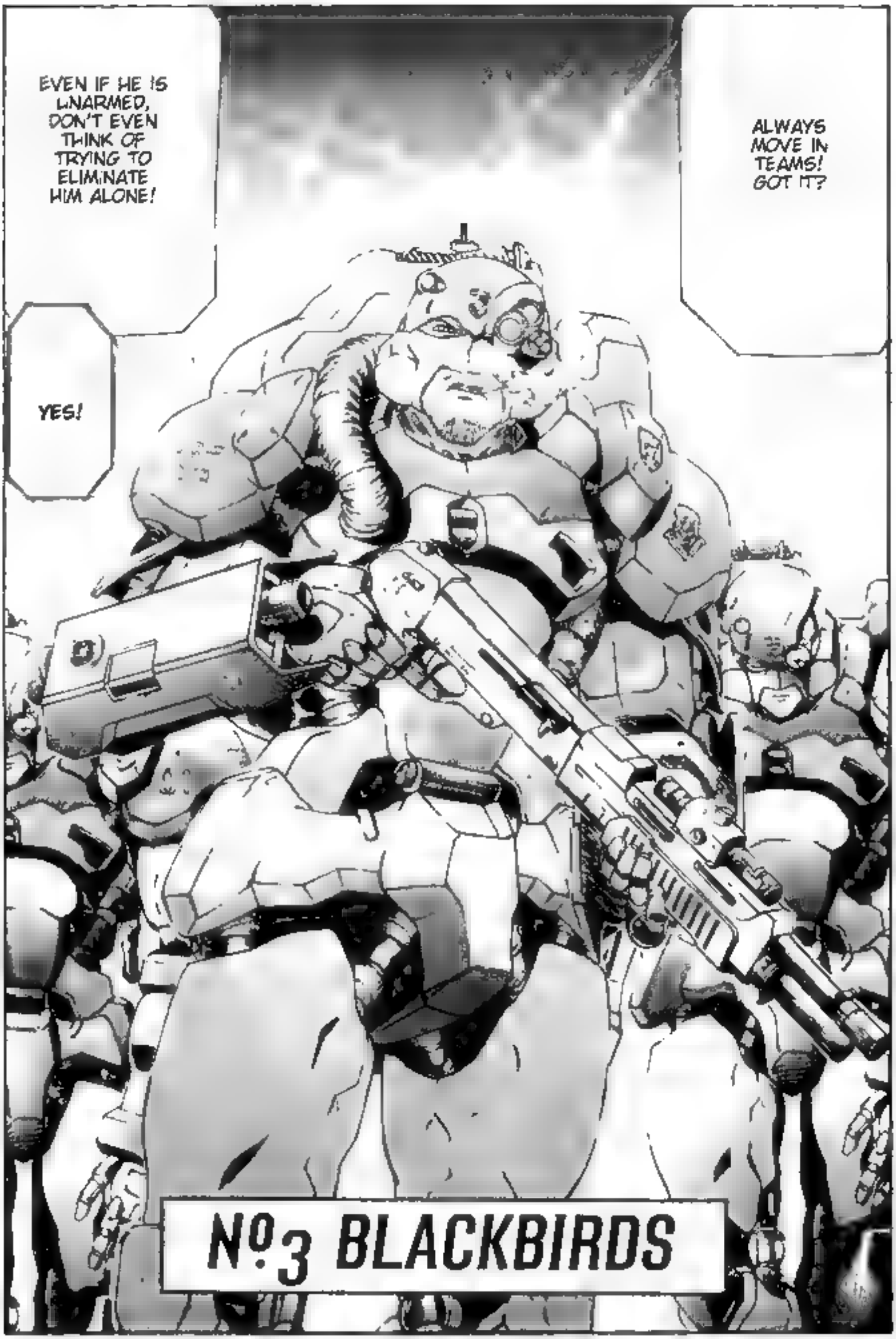
HE HAS BEEN CALLED THE "SCOURGE OF THE BAT-TLEFIELDS"

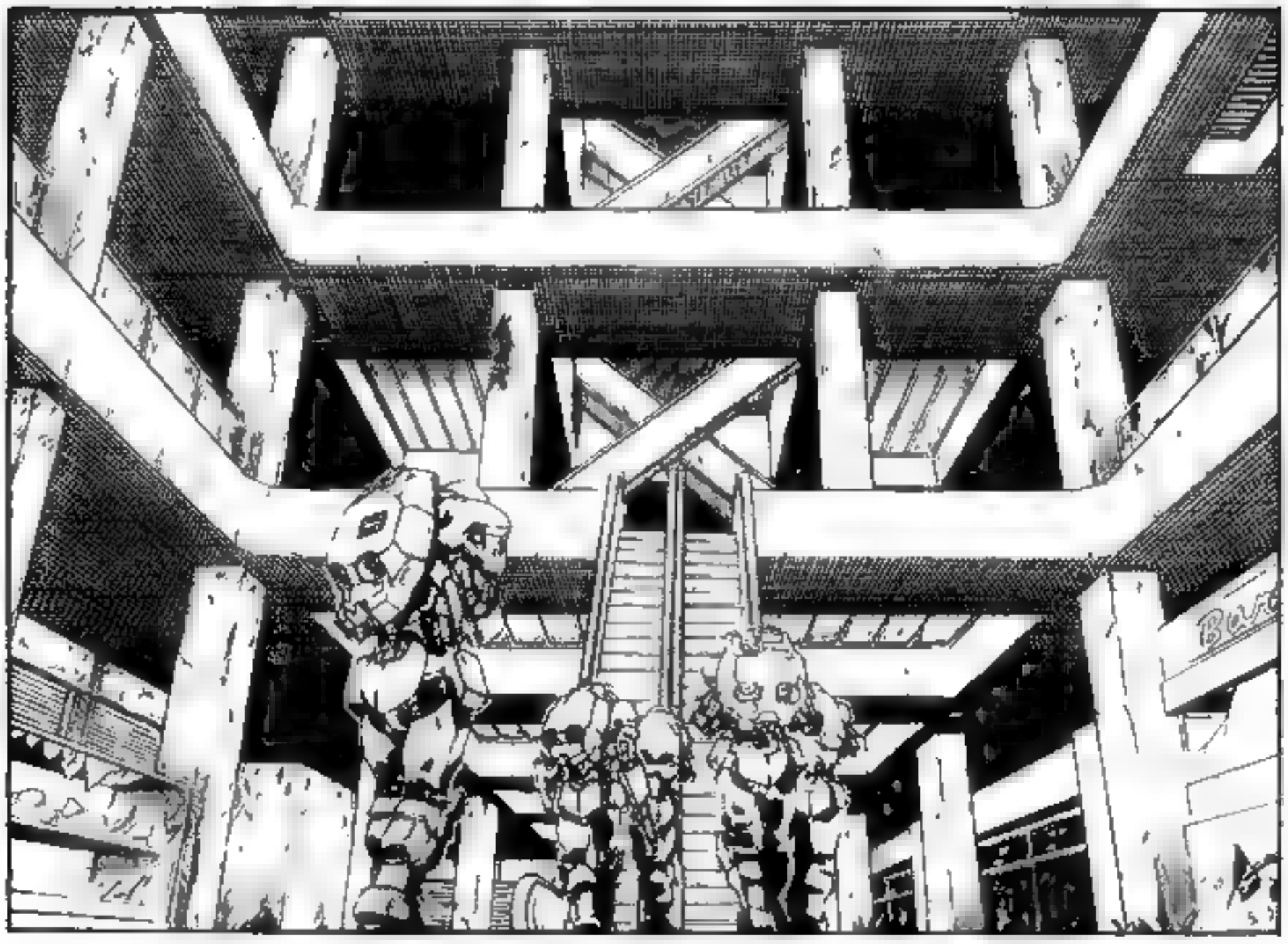
HE SOLD HIS COUNTRY TO THE ENEMY!

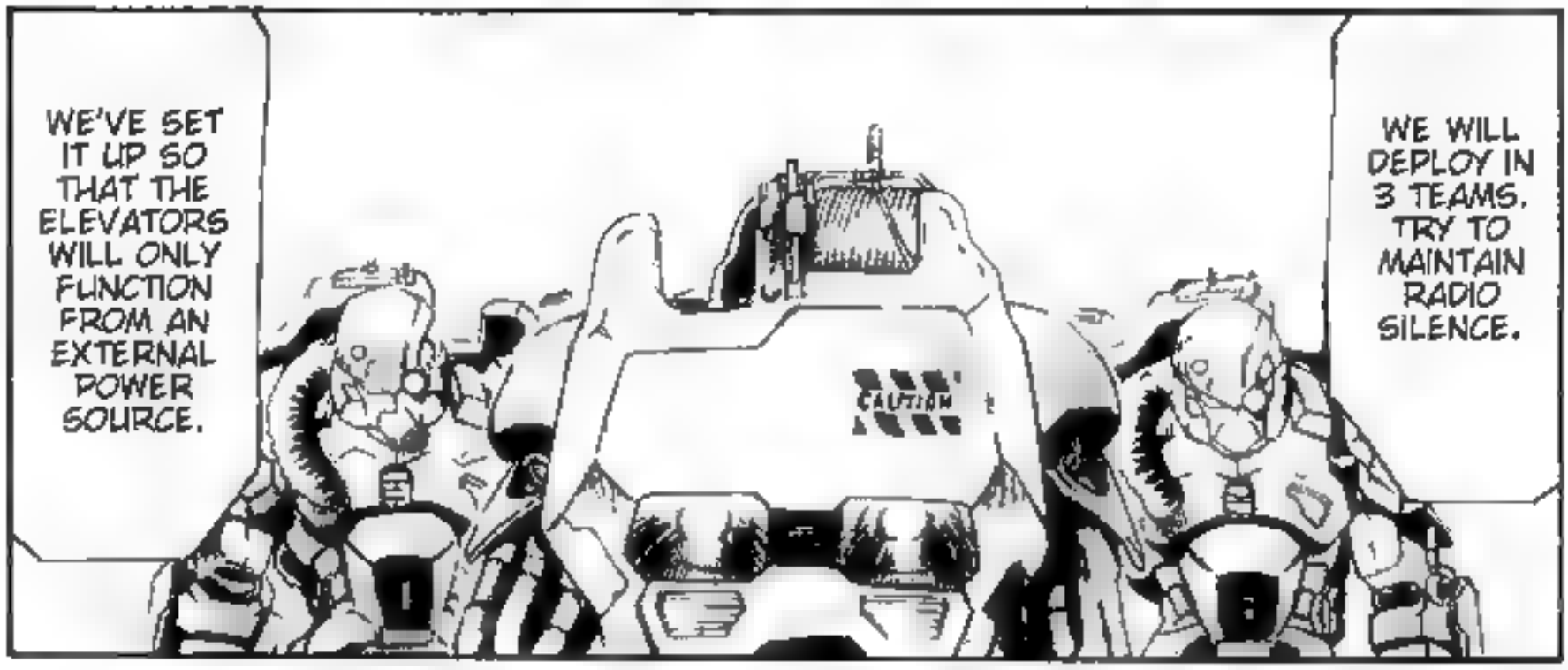
BUT ONE DAY, HE CHOSE TO BETRAY US ALL.

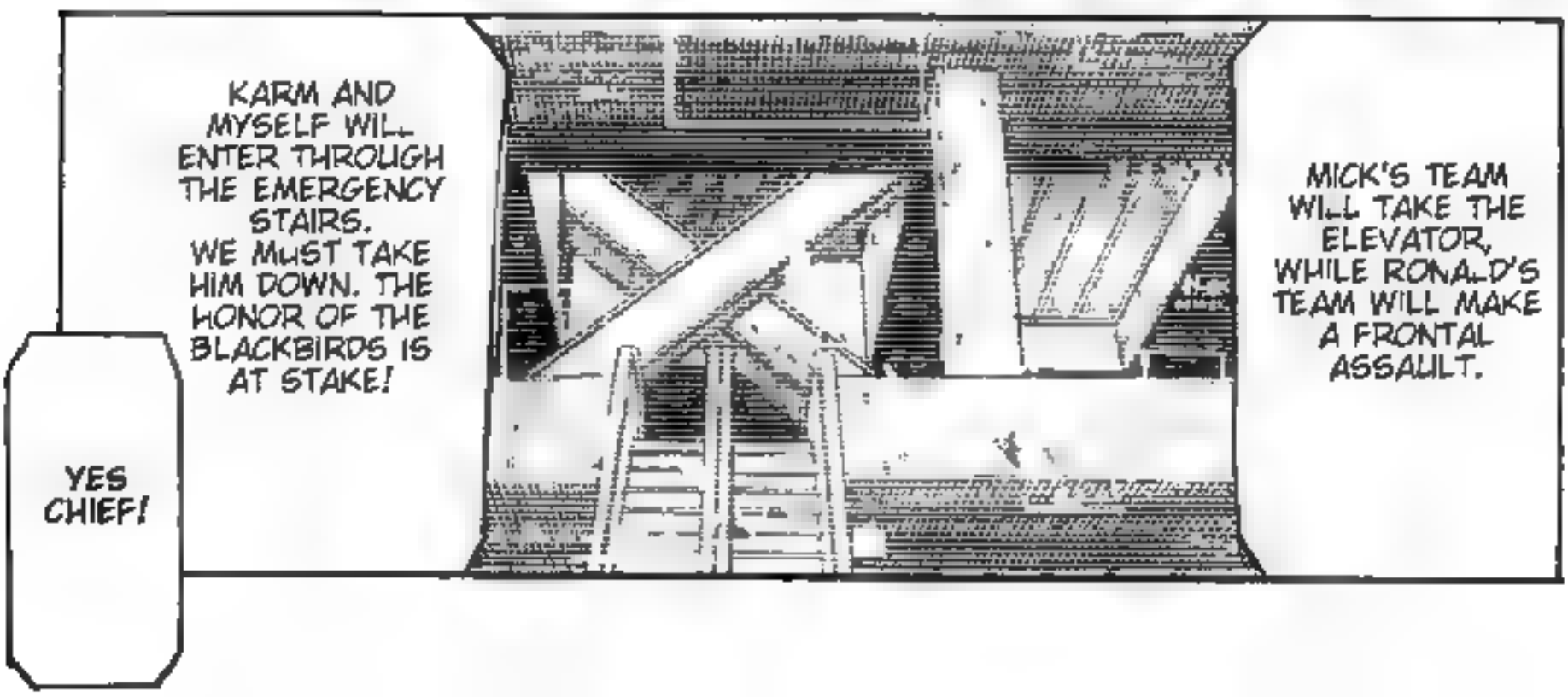
...ALSO KNOWN AS GENOCIDE!

THAT IS THE CAPTAIN GRAHALD MILLS


EVEN IF HE IS UNARMED, DON'T EVEN THINK OF TRYING TO ELIMINATE HIM ALONE!
ALWAYS MOVE IN TEAMS! GOT IT?
YES!
Nº3 BLACKBIRDS




WE'VE SET IT UP SO THAT THE ELEVATORS WILL ONLY FUNCTION FROM AN EXTERNAL POWER SOURCE.
WE WILL DEPLOY IN 3 TEAMS. TRY TO MAINTAIN RADIO SILENCE.
CAUTION


KARM AND MYSELF WILL ENTER THROUGH THE EMERGENCY STAIRS. WE MUST TAKE HIM DOWN. THE HONOR OF THE BLACKBIRDS IS AT STAKE!
MICK'S TEAM WILL TAKE THE ELEVATOR, WHILE RONALD'S TEAM WILL MAKE A FRONTAL ASSAULT.
YES CHIEF!

NO, I WAS NEVER SENT TO THE BATTLE-FRONT, WHY?

HEY MICK, HAVE YOU EVER MET CAPTAIN MILLS?

BLACKBIRDS 1ST UNIT, MICK TEAM

B1 1
2 3
4 5
6 7
8 9
10

SOME SAY THAT HE'S TAKEN OUT SEVERAL SAAS WHILE UNARMED, AND THAT ONCE HE DECIMATED AN ENTIRE TANK SQUADRON ALONE.

THERE'S ALL KINDS OF CRAZY RUMORS GOING 'ROUND ABOUT HIM.

WHAT'S WHAT I THOUGHT TOO... BESIDES, EVEN IF IT WAS TRUE, WE HAVE CAPTAIN WALDMANN WITH US! HE WAS ONE OF THE JACKALS AS WELL.

A MAN LIKE THAT COULDN'T POSSIBLY EXIST! IT'S PROBABLY THE WAR-PROPAGANDA DEPARTMENT'S DOING, EXAGGERATING THE HELL OUTTA EVERYTHING.

IT'S QUITE IRONIC.. LIKE HE'S TAKING REVENGE ON A EX-SUPERIOR.

AND NOW HE'S THE ONE LEADING THIS SPECIAL ASSIGN-MENT!

THUCK

WE'RE MOVING TO F-D POINT NEXT, CORRECT?

DING !

1

3

5

WELL, WE'RE IN POSITION.

SLAM

MOVE OUT!

NO TRACE OF OUR TARGET.

NO SIGNS OF TRAPS EITHER.

SECTOR IS CLEAR! LET'S MOVE.

TAP

TAP

!

ZAW

SLAM

RED DAY
WARFARE

KIN

GAAHH !!

KIN

AAAHH !!

MICK !

RATATATA

BASTARD !!

BRRRRR

I'M GONNA KILL YOU!

KIN

KIN

KIN

BLAM

KIN

HE'S TARGETTING MY ACTLATORS!

ARGH.

KIN

SWISH

WHOO !!

YOU'RE NOT GONNA ESCAPE!

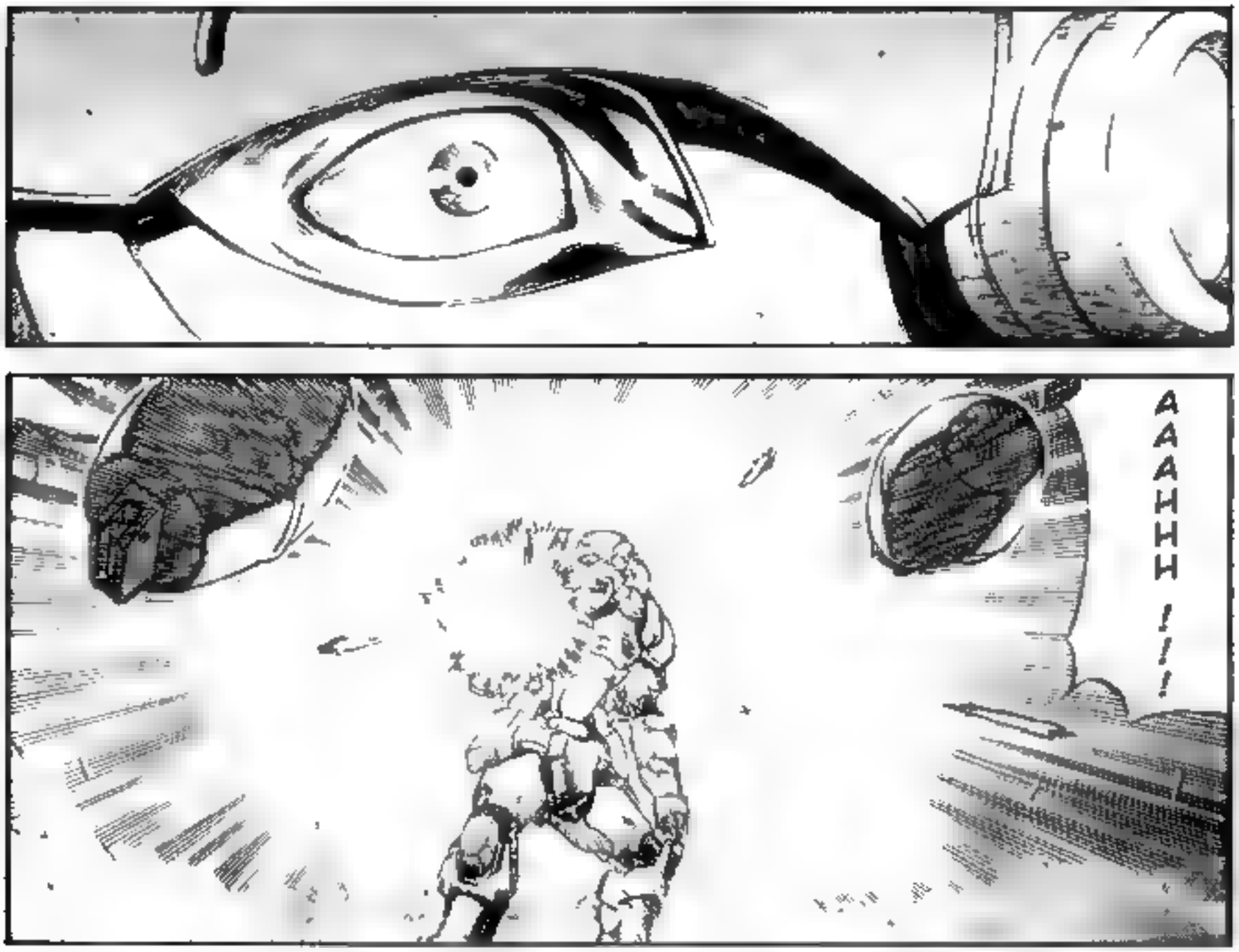
GRRRRR

KIN

KIN

KIN

GILERA. 45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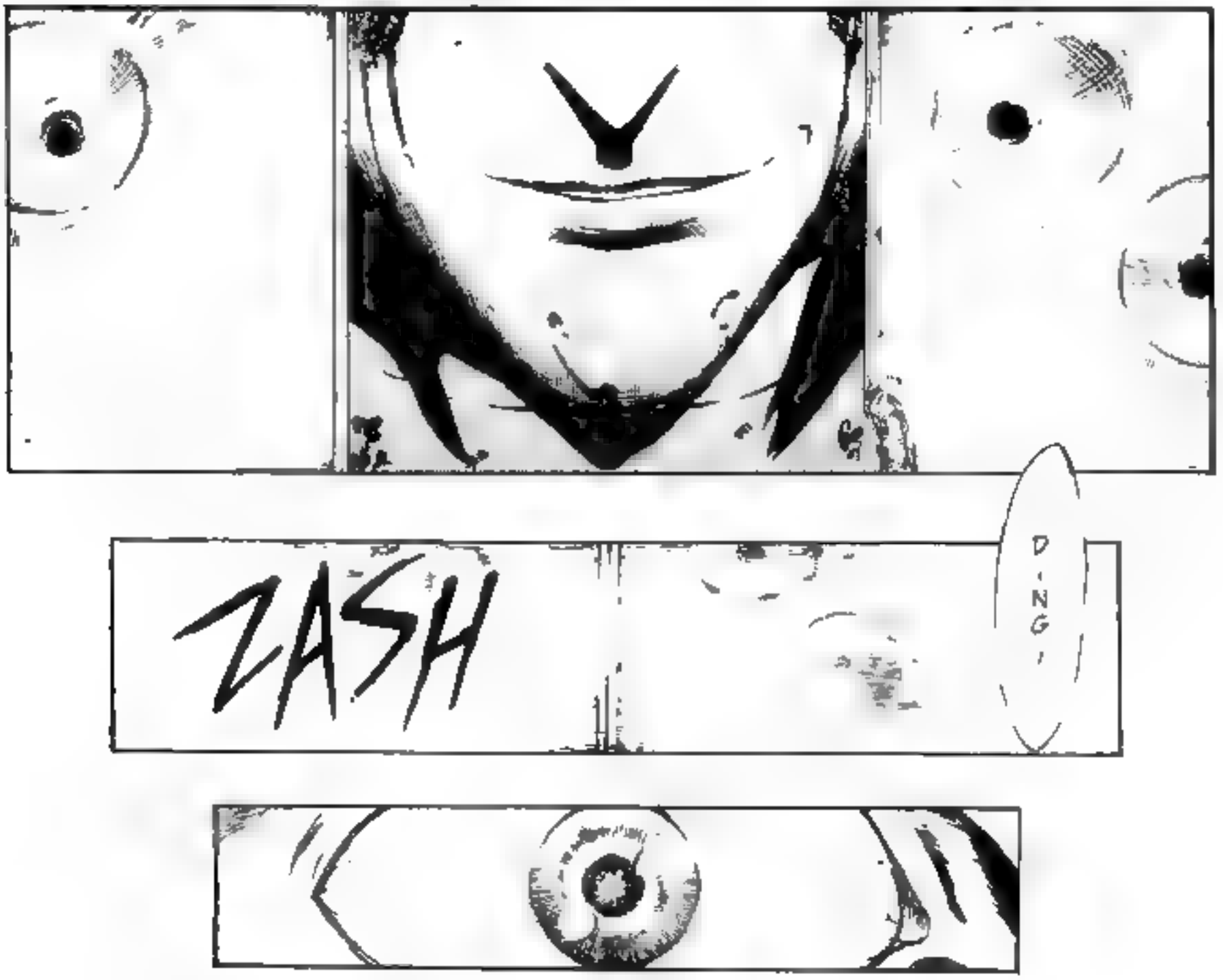
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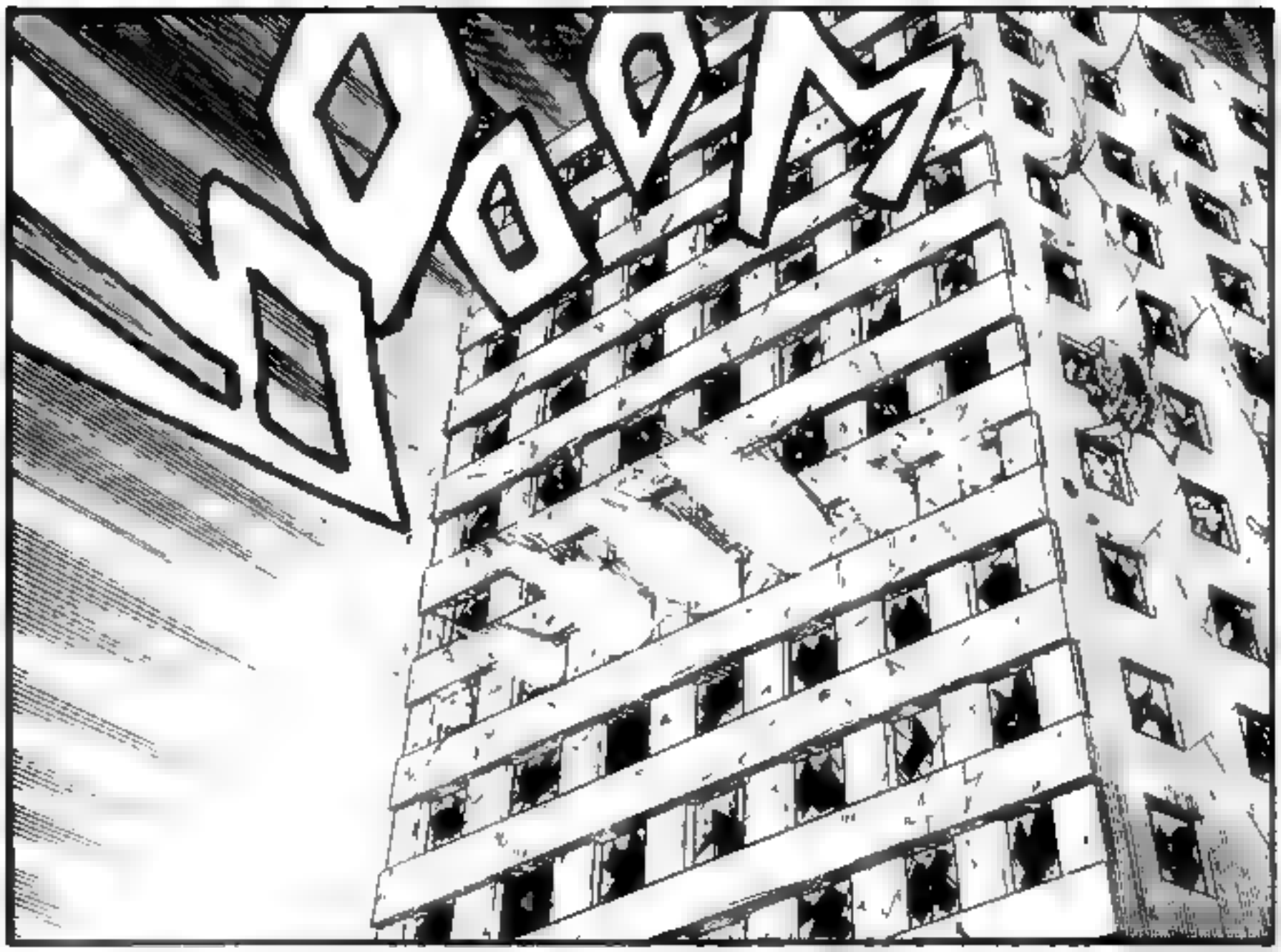
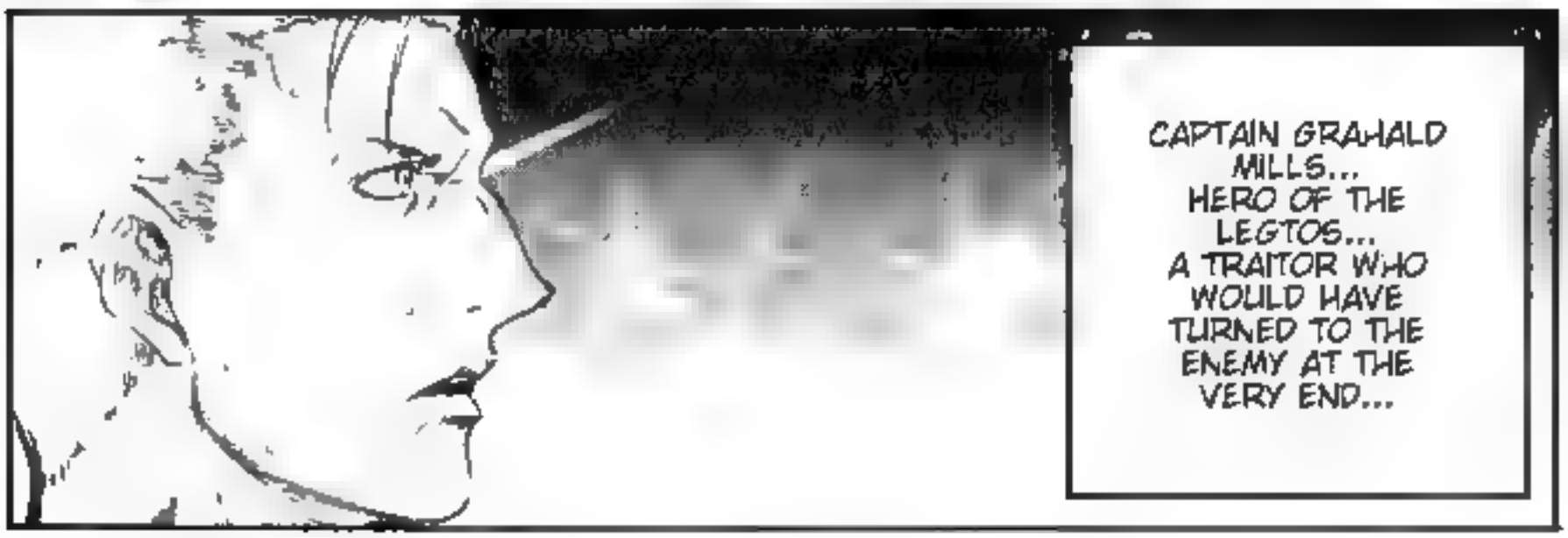

SERGEANT!!
NO THOSE ARE SAA PARTS...
THEY'VE DONE IT?
WATCH OUT FOR THE DEBRIS!
FALL BACK!


CAPTAIN GRAHALD MILLS... HERO OF THE LEGTOS... A TRAITOR WHO WOULD HAVE TURNED TO THE ENEMY AT THE VERY END...

WHY WOULD A MAN WITH SUCH COMBAT SKILLS HAVE CONSIDERED PROTECTING HIMSELF BY KILLING HIS OWN COMRADES?

THERE'S SOMETH'NG STRANGE ABOUT THIS ...

WHUHUHUHU

IF... IF THE ACCUSATIONS WERE ALL LIES...

DING !

AND WHAT DOES HE HOPE TO ACHIEVE, A.. ALONE UP THERE?

...WHY IS HE BE'NG PERSECUTED?

I KNOW.

SIR! MICK AND ROGER HAVE CEASED RESPOND-ING!

WALDMANN TEAM

THEY'RE BOTH DEAD.

MICK, ANSWER ME! MICK!! COME IN!

GIVE IT UP! YOU HEARD THE EXPLOSION BACK THEN

THEIR RADIO HAS STOP FUC-TION-ING...

TWO BLACK-BIRDS, SLAIN BY A LONE MAN, SO QUICKLY, SO EASILY..?!

NO, THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE!

THEY WERE EVEN WEARING BODY-ARMOR. THEY WERE ALL KILLED IN THE SPACE OF A FEW SECONDS.

LISTEN... THE GUARDS WHO WERE SUPPOSED TO ESCORT HIM OUT OF HIS CELL WERE ELITE SPECIAL FORCES...

...BUT THERE'S NO GUARANTEE THAT WE'LL LIVE ANY LONGER THAN THEY DID!

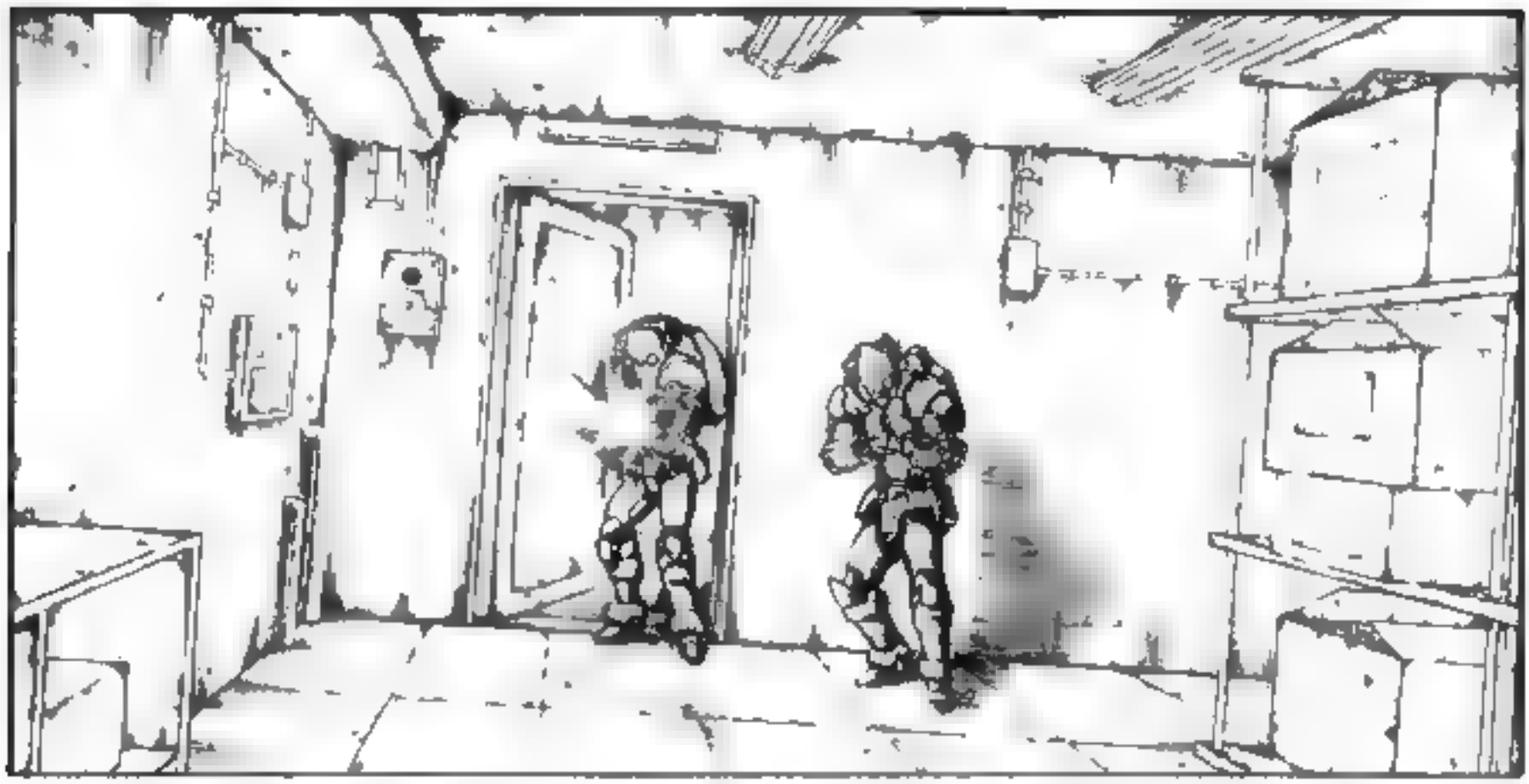
WE MAY HAVE THE PROTEC-TION OF OUR SAA...

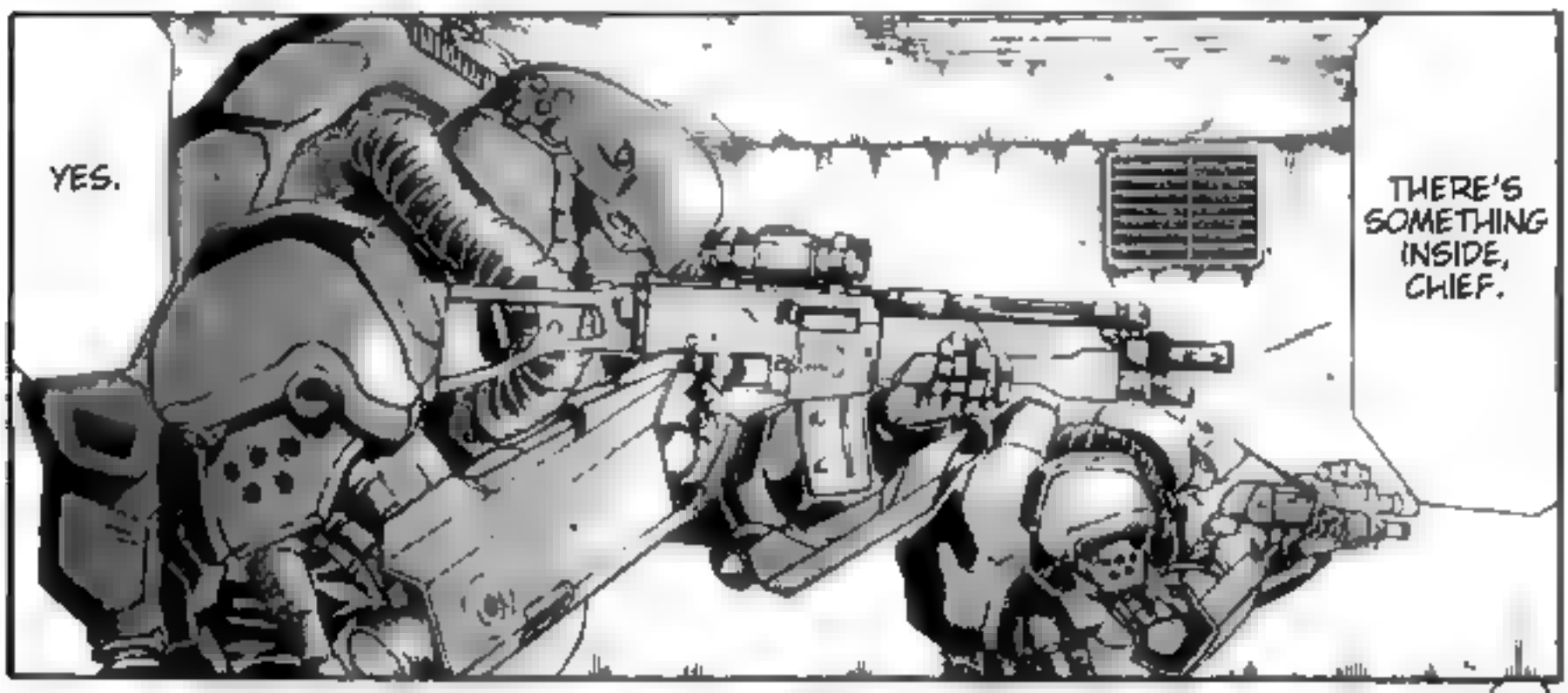
WELL ...

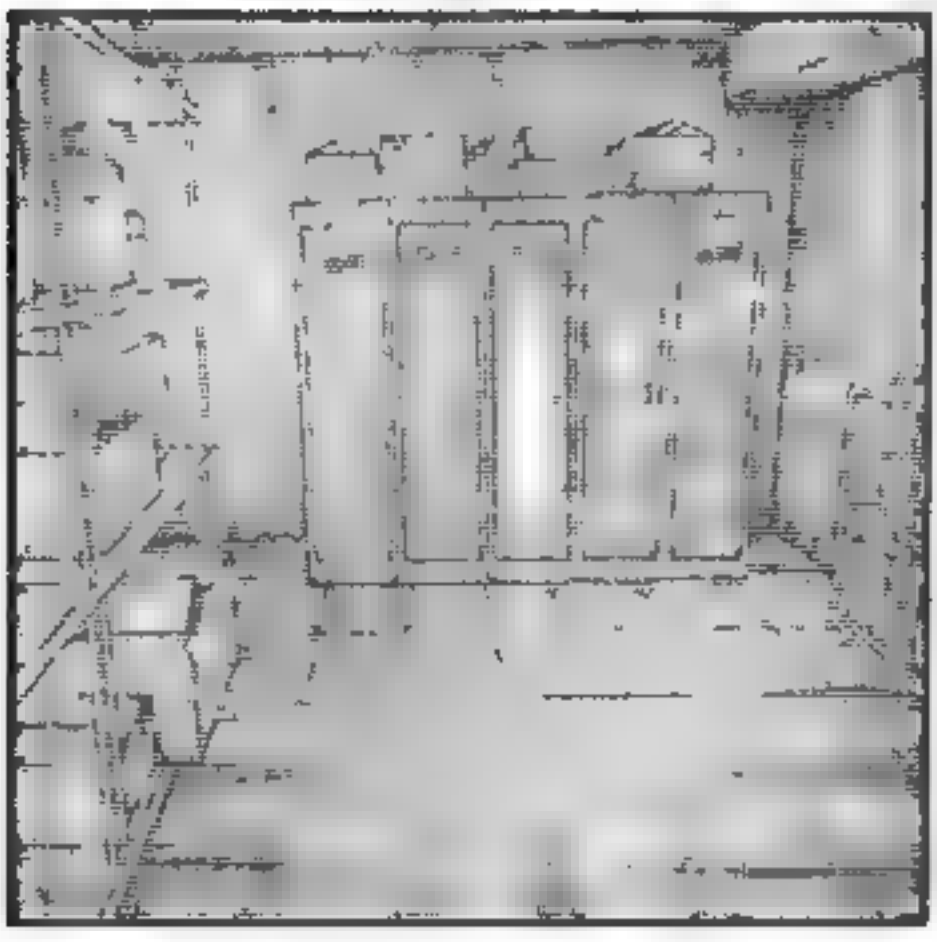
HEAT SOURCE DETECTED! RANGE, 30 METERS.

THAT'S ONE OF THE HAZARDS OF FIGHTING GENOCIDE ...

... AH...




YES.
THERE'S SOMETHING INSIDE, CHIEF.



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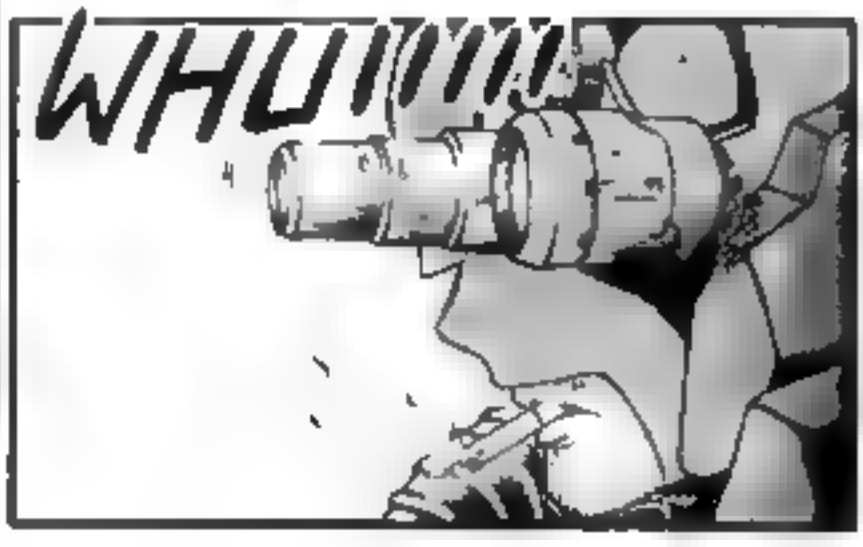

WHUUUU

I DON'T KNOW...

DO YOU THINK IT MAY BE A TRAP?

KABLAM

TATAK

CRASH

ZASH

SHAAAAAK!!!

SHA

GOOD EVENING, MISS!

TAP

TAP

RONALD TEAM

AHH... WE'RE NOTHING LIKE THOSE TWO MORONS!

TAP

TAP

SPECIAL TRANSMISSION. MICK AND ROGER ARE DOWN. DO NOT REPLY.

I DON'T GIVE A FLICK IF MILLS IS A OLD TIME JACKAL OR HAS A SERVICE RECORD THE LENGTH OF MY ARM, OR IF HE WAS WALDMANN'S CO, WE'RE THE NEW BREED OF SOL[redacted]RS!

TAP

TAP

DID YOU HEAR RONALD? THEY DIED LIKE NEWBIES! WE'RE VETS THOUGH...

KLANG

TAP TAP

I'D ANSWER "ME"! WITHOUT A DOUBT!

IF SOMEONE ASKED ME SERIOUSLY, "WHO IS THE STRONGEST? ME? OR GENOCIDE?"

...

I MUST'VE KILLED AT LEAST A HUNDRED DRAGNOV SOLDIERS DURING THE WAR!...

HEY, ARE YOU LISTENING, RONALD?

KLANG

WHEN I WAS IN THE ARMY, I WAS CONSIDERED A REAL KILLER BY THE OTHERS AS WELL!

HEY, RONALD, WHAT ARE YOU...

BRLOM

WHAT'S GOING ON, RONALD ?!!

!!

SHIT!

THERE HE IS!

TUMP

TUMP

TUMP

TUMP

?!

BAAM

AH !!

WOO

TU MP

HOW MANY SOLDIERS DID YOU KILL?
REMIND ME AGAIN...

KI
BLAM

BUT THERE'S WALDMANN ...

WELL, ONLY TWO LEFT...

BUT, THE BLACK-BIRDS...

...ARE THERMALLY SHIELDED!

SHA

A HEAT SOURCE ?

ABOVE?

BIP

HM ?

TAP

TAP

TAP

KN

OH, NO !!

WHUMMM

DING

I HAVE TO FIND HER BEFORE THEY DO!

IT SEEMS THEY HAVEN'T REACHED THIS FLOOR YET...

NOTHING SUSPICIOUS.

TAP

TAP

SHE'S CLOSE!

WOP

BIIP-
BIP-

!

BIP BIP

...WHAT IS SHE DOING?!

BUT ...

THERE SHE IS!

TAP

WHAT'S UP WITH HER?!

WHAT'S THIS?!

BIP BIP

EH !

BLOODY DAMNED HELL!

!!

HEHAW

RUN FOR IT! HURRY!

WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR?!

SLAM

GULP

...NO...

!

...CLOSER...

DON'T...

...COME...

DON'T COME !!

GET AWAY!

SMACK

AH !

YOU'RE GONNA DIE!

SLAM

LETS DO IT ...

KIN
AAH!
KIN
BLANG!
BOOM
KIN
KIN
KIN
KIN
KIN
RIKTA TA TA TAKA TA!
DOESN'T REALLY MATTER ...
IT SEEMS I'VE M.SSED ...
ZA

WHAT'S WRONG ?

HURRY! STAND UP!

THEY'LL BE HERE SOON.

ANF

ANF

...NNN...

...HNN...

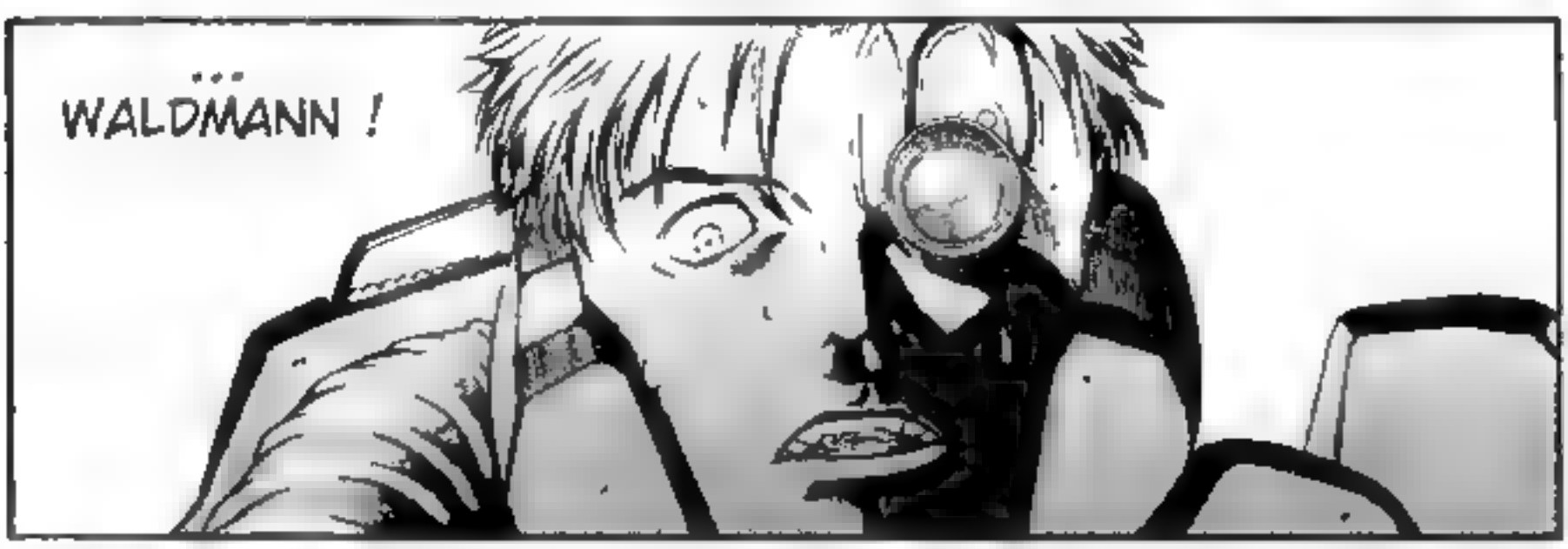
ANF

TUMP

TUMP

?!

ZEN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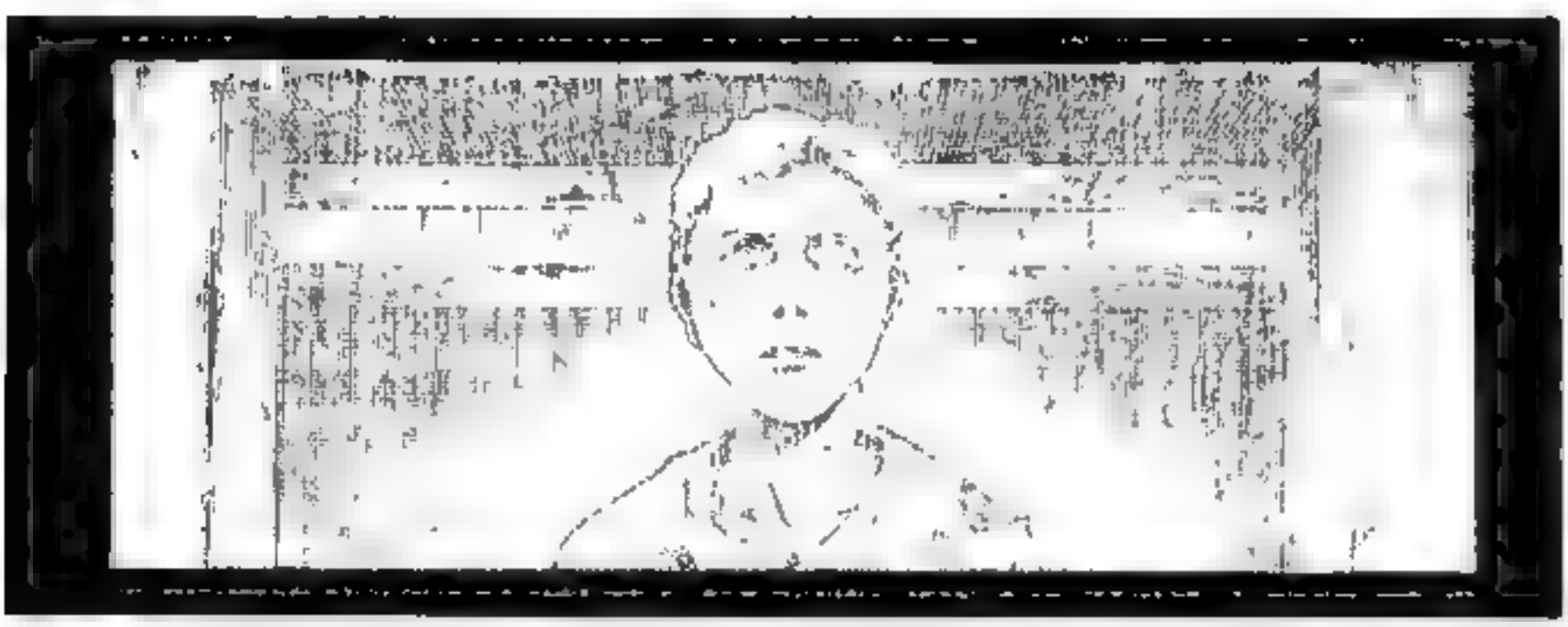


GAME OVER, GENOCIDE...

SO... IT WAS YOU!?

KILL

WISH

KIN

CRACK

AHHH

AAHH
HAAA
HAAA...

HAHH
...

WOW

WHOOH OHOH

IN THE END, I'M THE ONE WHO DEFEATED YOU, GENOCIDE!

INDEED... IT'S OVER!

WHOH OH OH OH

AND THEN, A PROMO-TION!

I'M SURE TO GET A GOOD MEDAL AT THE VERY LEAST!

KABOOM
WHAT?!!
KABOOM
FHH
FHH
DA TA TA TA
PEOPLE LIKE YOU MAKE ME SICK!!

ONE OF THE ACTUATORS IS ALMOST SHOT FROM THE LAST BLAST...

WIH

DAMN...

HAA

HAA

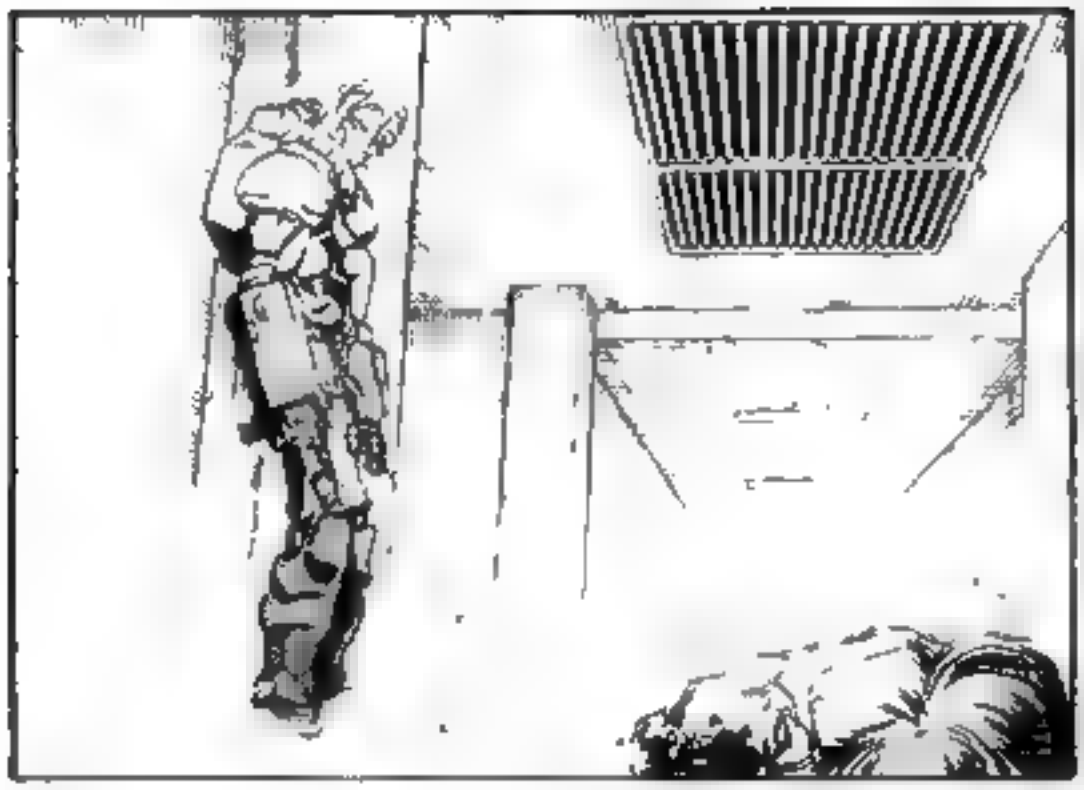
FHH

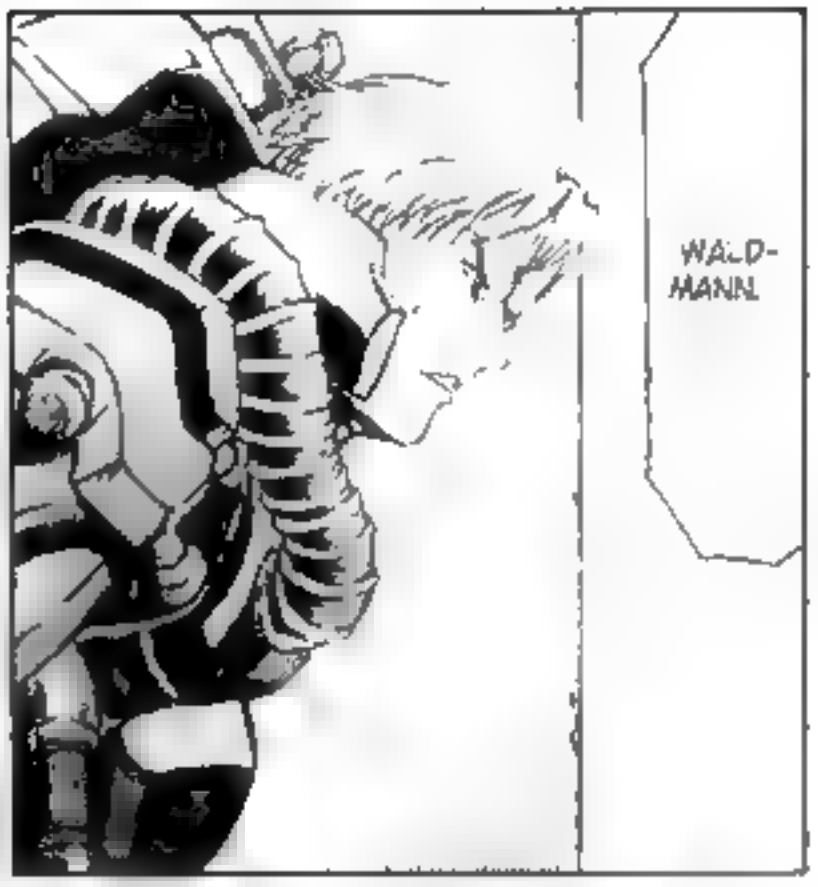
!

KAY

ZAAAH

KIN




WALD-
MANN

...THE GIRL IS GOING TO DIE.
IF WE KEEP FIGHTING HERE ...

WE'VE GOT SOME GOOD OLD STORIES TO TELL EACH OTHER...

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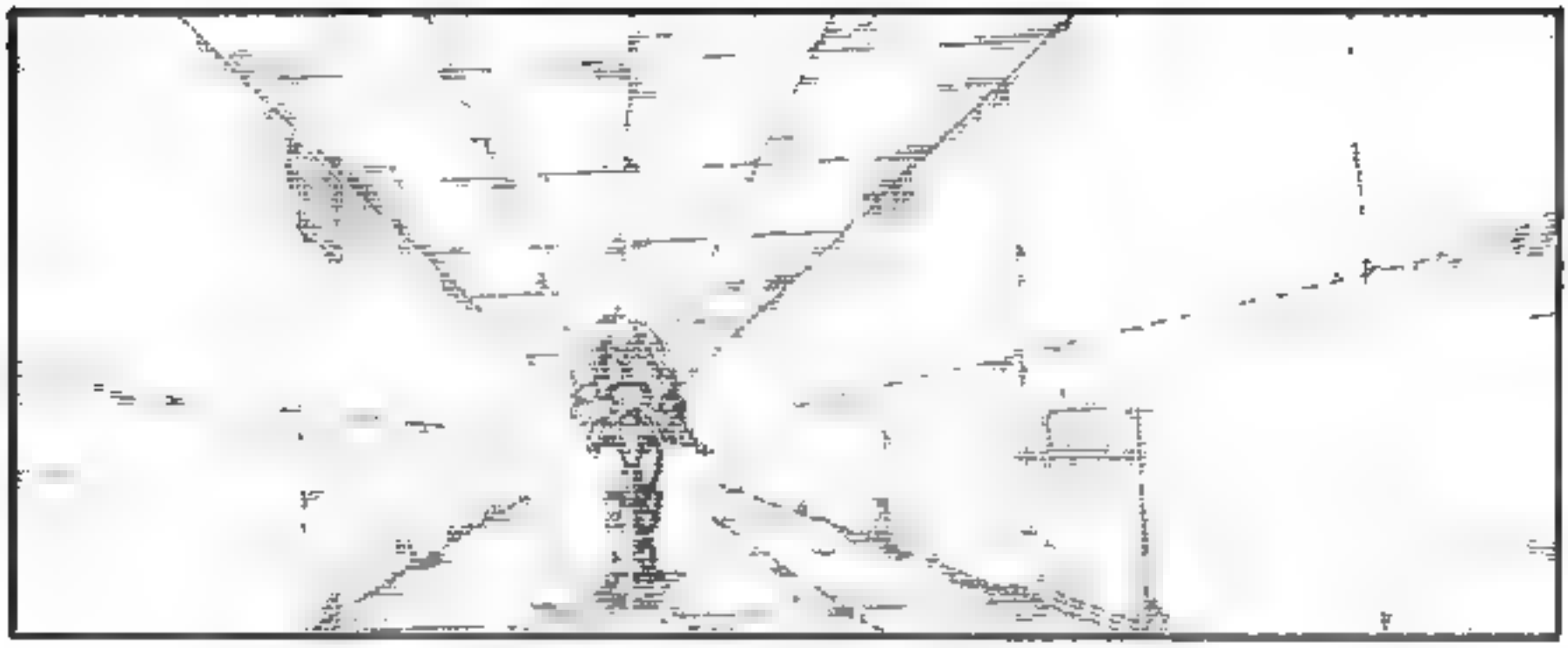
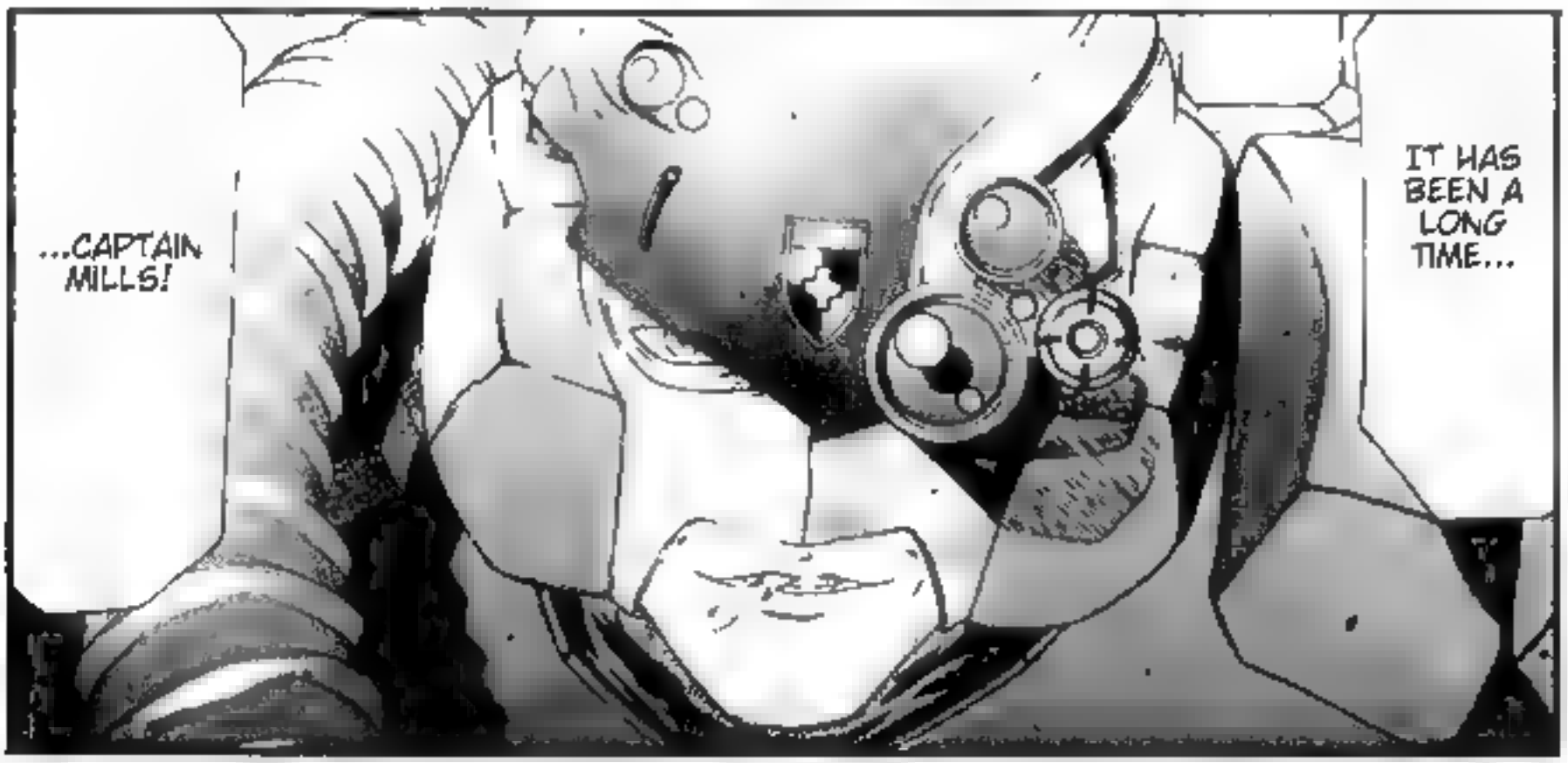
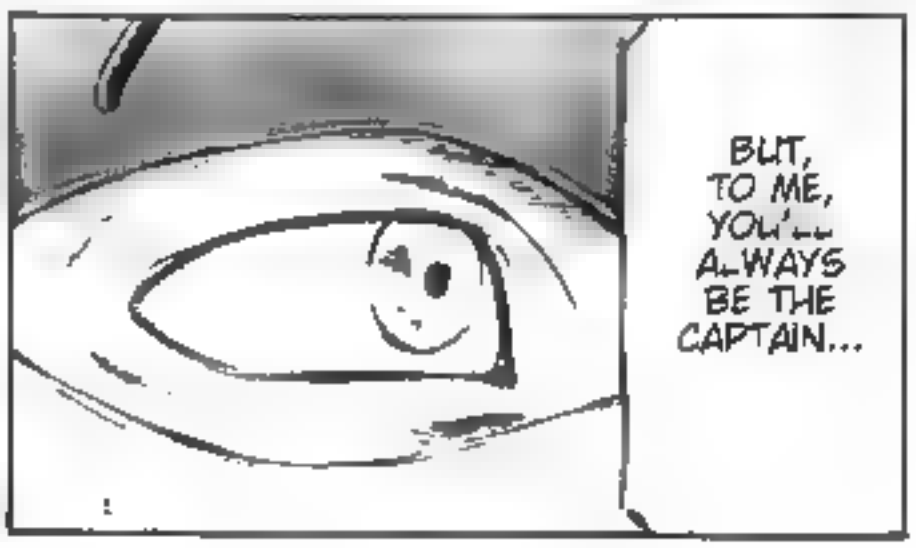
SO, YOU COMING OR WHAT?!



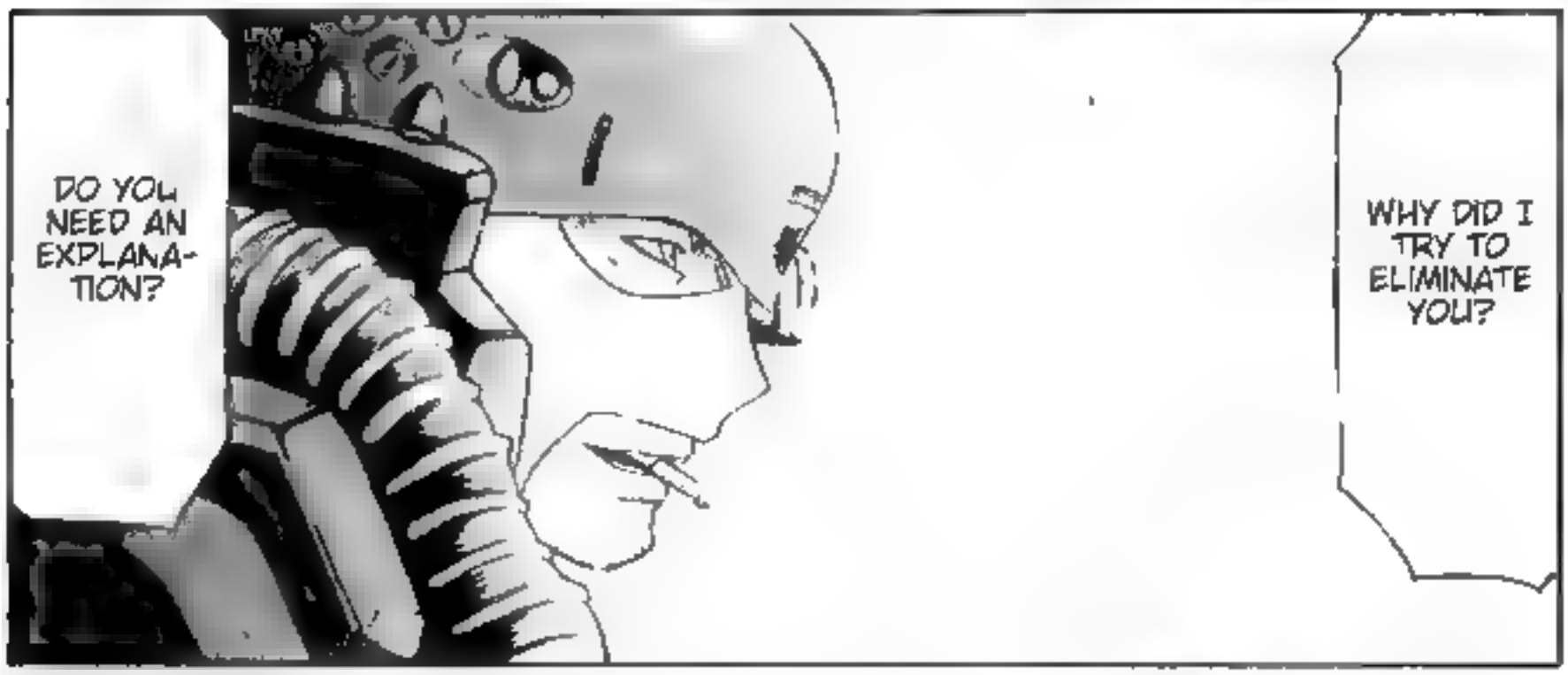

...CAPTAIN MILLS!
IT HAS BEEN A LONG TIME...

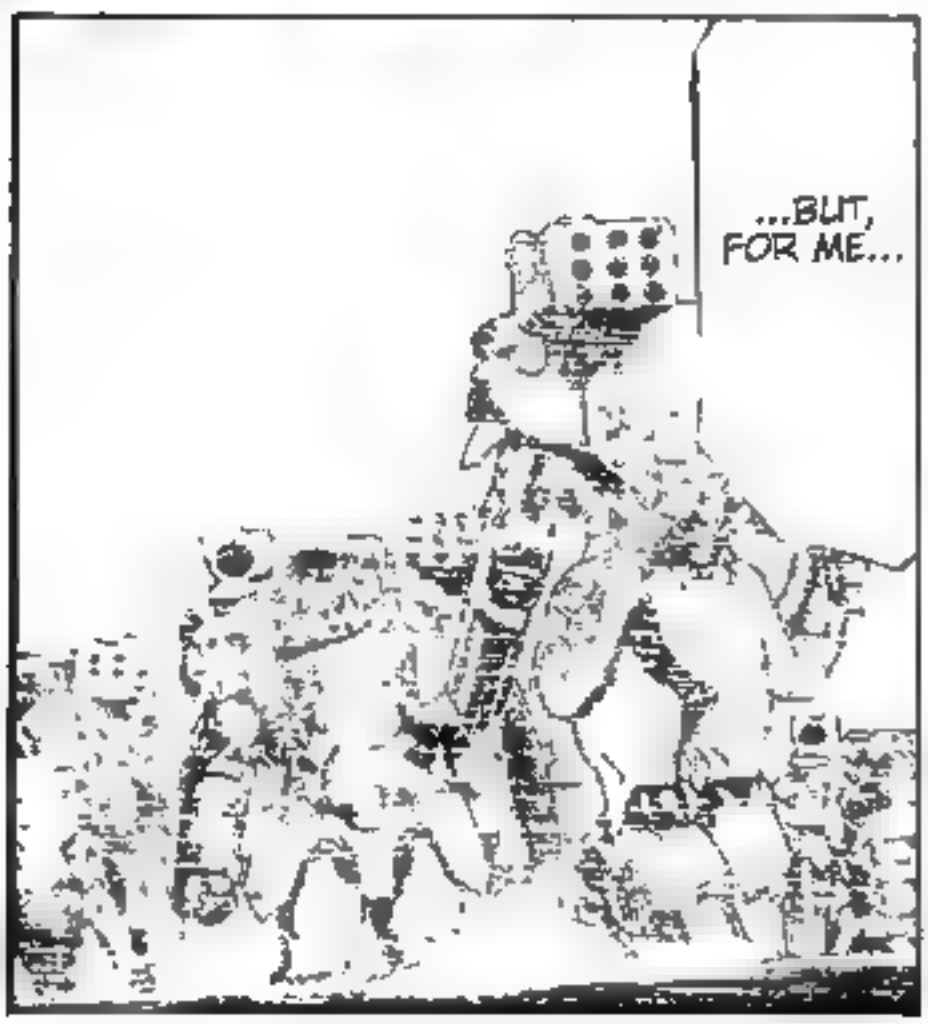
AH, CAPTAIN... ALWAYS SO STRICT...
WHAT A JOKE! YOU'RE ONE OF THE PEOPLE WHO FRAMED ME!

I'M NOT A CAPTAIN ANYMORE ...


BUT, TO ME, YOU'LL ALWAYS BE THE CAPTAIN...

WHY DID YOU BETRAY ME?


DO YOU NEED AN EXPLANA-TION?
WHY DID I TRY TO ELIMINATE YOU?


...BUT, FOR ME...

I DON'T KNOW WHAT REASONS THE OTHERS HAD...

...MY CAPTAIN...

...YOU'VE ALWAYS BEEN A VERY EMBARRASS-ING POINT...

YOU TRIED TO KILL ME BY USING A POOR CHILD? AM I RIGHT?

SO THAT'S WHY, ON TH S FATED NIGHT...

I SEE...

GRR

GRR

...THEN I WOULD HAVE BECOME THE CAPTAIN, AND THE HONORS WOULD HAVE BEEN MINE!

PRECISELY! IF YOU HAD DIED BACK THEN...

FOR ONLY THAT REASON... YOU TRIED TO KILL ME AND THIS CHILD?!!

IN FACT, WASN'T IT YOU WHO TAUGHT ME THAT THE ONLY WINNER ON A BATTLE-FIELD IS THE ONE WHO SURVIVES?

YES... BUT, AS FOR WHAT HAPPENED 3 MONTHS AGO, IT WAS JUST A MATTER OF SURVIVAL. IF WE HAD FOUGHT ON, WE WOULD PROBABLY HAVE FOUND OUR-SELVES FACING THE ENTIRE DRAGNOV ARMY...

YOU REALLY HAVE NO UNDERSTANDING!

KIN

KIN

PS

AA

KIN

TA

KIN

HIS SUIT IS COMPLETELY ARMORED...

DAMN! THE 12.7MM H/AP HAS NO EFFECT...

LASHAN

TODAY, I'LL BE THE ONE TO WALK AWAY!

AS IT SHOULD BE!

SAA FABRICATED BY A.G.I. MODEL ASP-NR770, DARKHAWK TYPE.

SWOOSH

I'VE EVEN TORN YOU DOWN AMONGST YOUR PEERS!

I DID EVERY-THING I COULD TO MAKE YOU DISAP-PEAR!

KIV

VUSH

VUSH

RATATA

YOU'RE COM-PLETELY INSANE!

BOOM

OH, HE'S ESCAPED ...

1

TAP TAP

tAP tAP

ZAN

TIN

B1 1

2 3

4 5

7

8 9

BUT I THINK THERE'S STILL A WAY...

NONE OF THE FIREARMS I HAVE CAN EFFECTIVELY PENETRATE H S ARMOR...

TAP

WHO

DING

NO.. MILLS ISN'T THE KIND OF GUY WHO'D RUN AWAY...

THINGS ARE GOING TO GET VERY INTERESTING!

PERHAPS HE'S GOT A TRAP PLANNED FOR ME...

I'M NOT PICKING UP THE GIRLS HEAT SIGNATURE ANYMORE...

WHIHIHIHI

...ISN'T IT, CAPTAIN?

LIKE THE ARMOR OVER THERE...

A TRAIL OF BLOOD...

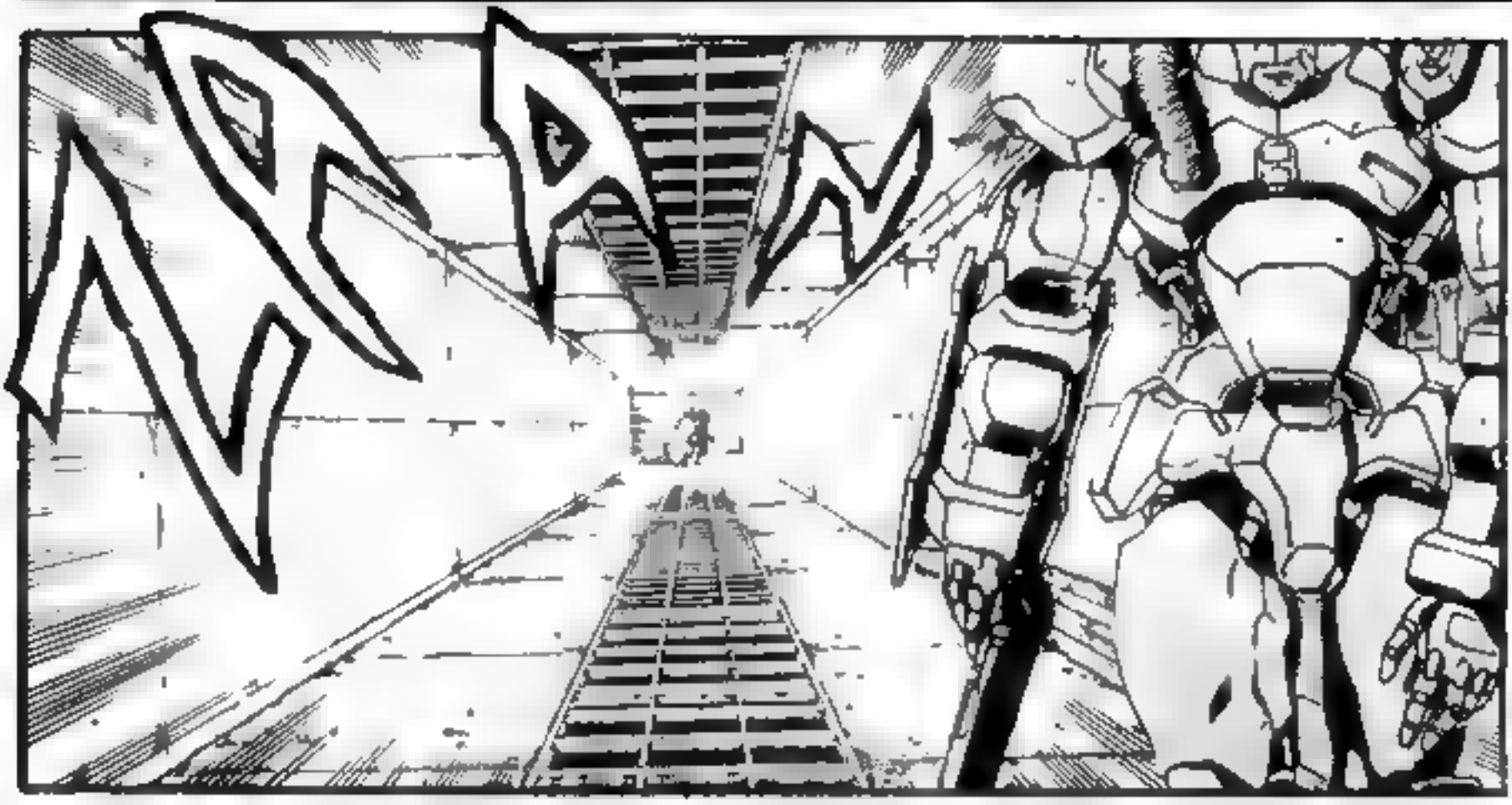
HAH! THE BASICS OF A BOOBY-TRAP...

PLIC PLIC

PIN

JAN

AGAIN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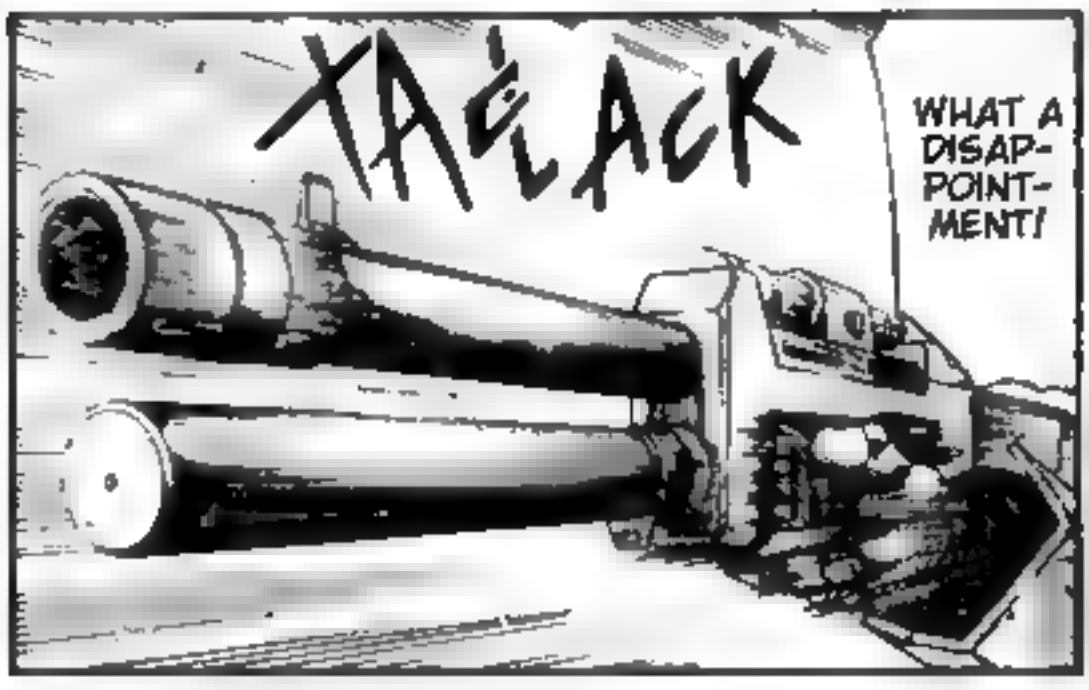
CAPTAIN... SUCH A SIMPLISTIC ATTEMPT... YOU CAN DO BETTER...
KIN
KIN

RATATATA


KA-CLACK
WHAT A DISAP-POINT-MENT!

SO THAT'S IT, EH? GENOCIDE'S "MACHIA-VELLIAN ABILITY" !! YOU'VE GOTTEN OLD, PAL!

SWA-

KIN

CRASH

ZZ

RA TA TA TA TA

HE'S OPERATING THE ARMOR BY REMOTE CONTROL!!

04... THAT'S KARL !!

ZPOW !

RA-TA-TA-T

WHAT?!

SWISH

ANOTHER TRAP!?

FLASH

RONALD ?!

!

?!

YAAAHHH !!

GAHAH!

SWIPE

NOT YET!

HAHH

IT'S NOT OVER YET!

DIE !!

FLASH

UGH

SWASH

AH..

FHH

HAA

HAAH..

...WALD-MANN ?

SO, HOW ARE YOU FEELING...

I COULDN'T KILL YOU... EVEN WEARING THIS ARMOR...

HAA..

PFFH

YOU REALLY DESERVE THAT NICKNAME OF YOURS, YOU KNOW...

HEH

...NOT THAT BAD...

FHH

WHERE'S KRAYZ?

FHH

SINCE YOU CAN SPEAK...

...TELL ME SOME-THING, BEFORE YOU DIE.

IF I TELL YOU, YOU'LL SAVE ME?

FHH...

HAAH

YEAH.. YOU'D RATHER SAVE A GIRL'S LIFE...

FHHH

HAH! BUT... I'LL TELL YOU ANYWAYS. ...

ZAN

SORRY, BUT.. YOUR WOUND IS FATAL. YOU ARE GOING TO DIE.

WHEN YOU SEE HIM, YOU'D THINK HE'S BEEN OLD FRIENDS WITH THOSE ARROGANT BASTARDS LONG BEFORE THE BETRAYAL.

HE HANGS AROUND THE DRAGNOV HIGH COMMAND, IN THEIR HQ NO LESS. HE SEEMS TO LIKE BROWN-NOSING THEM.

BUT, WHY DID HE DO THAT? DOES HE OWE SOMETHING TO THE DRAGNOV FEDERATION?

HE'S AT.. COBAN BASE.. 'N DORGE.. GAHAAA!!

THAT'S ALL... I KNOW...

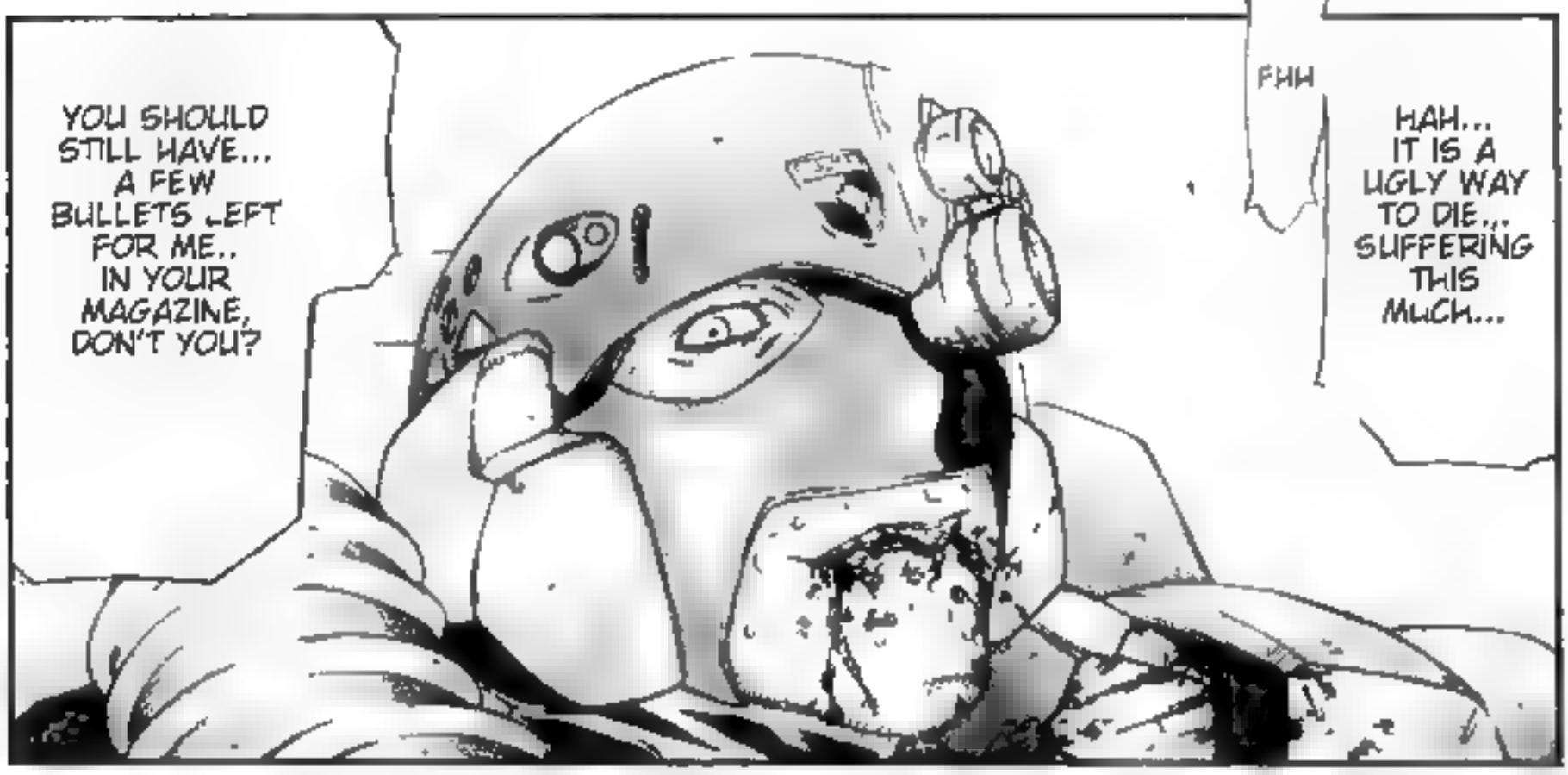
GAAAHHH !!

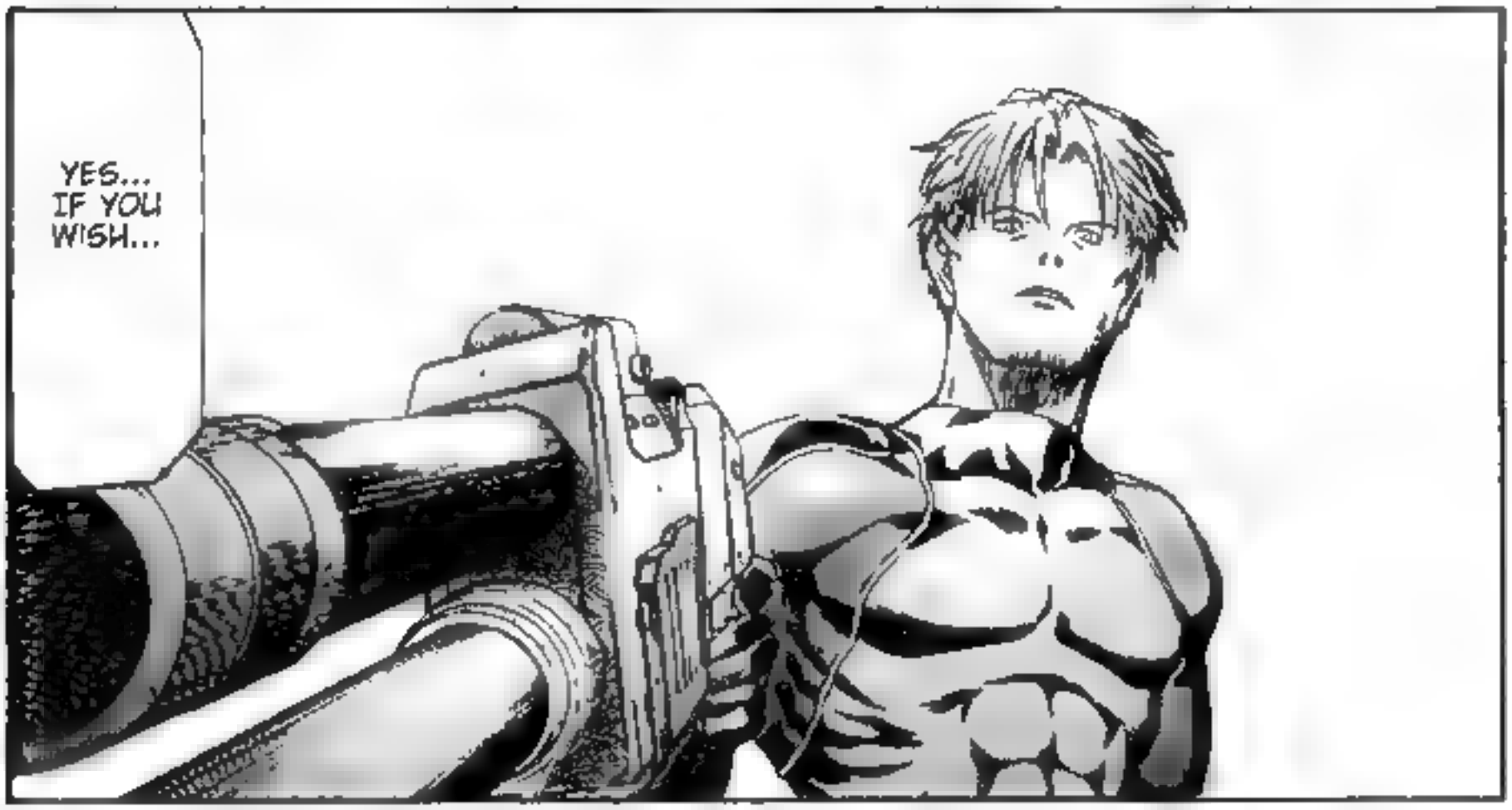
HE'S TESTING THE NEW SAA PROTOTYPES WITH THE DRAGNOV R&D PEOPLE. HE'S UNDER KRAYZ'S DIRECT COMMAND.

HAHA..

THAT... IF YOU WANT TO KNOW MORE... YOU SHOULD ASK LENNY.

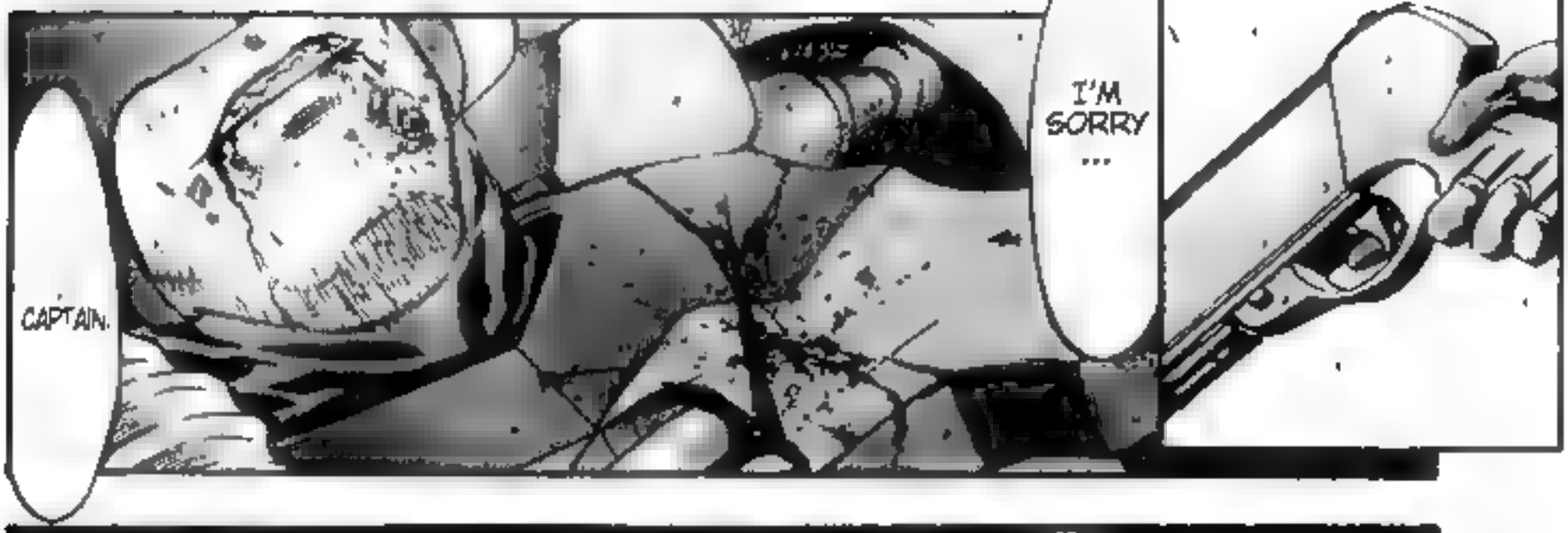
FHH...


YOU SHOULD STILL HAVE... A FEW BULLETS LEFT FOR ME.. IN YOUR MAGAZINE, DON'T YOU?
FHH
HAH... IT IS A UGLY WAY TO DIE... SUFFERING THIS MUCH...


YES... IF YOU WISH...

ERR.. ALRIGHT

TiN
YOU, CLOSE YOUR EYES!



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APPENDIX I

The New Battlefield

"Over the Horizon" combat has been transformed into close combat, body against body. The reason is simple. In a all out war, such as that between Dragnov and Regium, maintaining a extremely sophisticated system of communication, command and attack systems – with the aim to obtain a total unconditional victory – proved to be impossible to maintain in the long term.

An attempt at such a project had been attempted in the past, but was found to be a failure. The old superpower CPDU produced 24 multipurpose military satellites and placed them in orbit around the planet, hoping to obtain total control over it's rival countries. Since then, the technology to produce and control these satellites have been lost since the fall of the super-power, but they still remain operational and in orbit. The satellites attack anything that approach them, be it debris or another satellite. At the moment, all ballistic missiles have been rendered useless by the presence of these powerful satellites. And so, once again, face-to-face battle became the primary mode of war.

Military technology, stagnating for various reasons, finally made a breakthrough with the production of man worn powered armour, called SAA.

In the final phase of the war, the Federation of Dragnov deployed a new type of long-range atmospheric missile against Regium to the surprise of the world, since the use of such missiles had been abandoned. This new type of missile made use of a propellant which vaporized into the air instantly, leaving no heat signature.

SAA (Special Assault Armor)

A suit of armor designed specifically for use in close combat or assault roles. The name is also used to designate the soldiers wearing the armor of that type. The suit is armored for almost perfect protection against all infantry weapons of less than 20mm caliber. It is highly mobile thanks to a sophisticated drive system in the legs and feet. For armament, the suit incorporates a mix of heavy and light weapon systems, all easily interchangeable. Powered by electricity, it has a maximum operational duration of 8 hours in continuous combat. To supply that amount of power, the LBGC battery system is required. Since it was first introduced in the Ezalia conflict, it has come to be regarded as the perfect weapon for modern combat. Effective in practically any situation, be it against armored vehicles or aircraft, the SAA has been adopted by all branches of the armed forces.

SCOLA

BRIEF CHRONOLOGY

of the

DRAGNOV - REGIUM WAR

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12/10	The Federation decides to reunify the territory of the old country of Loumis. Negotiations are opened with the Republic of Regium to join this grand undertaking. The Republic rejects the idea entirely
17/10	Dragnov assembles and fields it's "Peace Keeping Force". The Republic of Regium lodges an official complaint.
03/12	The Dragnov invasion begins as they cross Regium's border, near Aklaia, under the pretext of protecting the Estonian population in the area around Martaff. The invaders then take position on the banks of the Neshto river Regium officially declares a state of siege.
04/12	Despite the remonstrations brought against the country, Dragnov's council decides to proceed with the attack.
11/12	The Dragnov ambassador to Regium delivers the final ultimatum to the Foreign Minister of Regium.
12/12	The Federation of Dragnov closes it's embassy in Regium. A state of war is officially declared.
15/12	Regium begins the general mobilization of it's armed forces.
24/12	Dragnov forces cross the Neshto into Maleys. Construction begins on a fortified base on the west bank of the Neshto. Martaff becomes a battlefront.

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06/01	Dyna Serbal and the Federated Republic of Maula states, in a official statement, their neutrality.
14/03	Dragnov air raids strike the Danan delta.
01/04	The Federation of Dragnov begins their offensive on the Martaff front.
16/04	Dragnov's massive air assault on Regium's allies; Karson, Koshto and Léobo ends in failure after seven days.
30/04	The Regium Air Force bombs Adicha and totally destroys the war factories and the shipyard Dragnov had in the area.
21/05	Regium forces surround the 16th Army of Dragnov in Luschani
27/05	On the anniversary of the foundation of the Federation, Regium's air force bombs the federal capital of Dragnov, Gayer Borispal. Although the damage was negligible, the impact on the moral of the citizens was tremendous.
09/06	The 6th Army of Regium begins the offensive of Koscht, towards Maleys..
22/06	Maleys is captured by the 6th Army of Regium. Dragnov sends in a reserve army to reinforce the region.
14/07	Dragnov succeeds in saving it s 16th Army The 7th Army of Regium becomes bogged down in the Hapasia mountains.
21/07	The Battle of Karson begins.
28/07	A huge naval battle takes place in the delta of Danan. Dragnov forces were defeated.
11/08	Secret negotiations between Regium and the country of Lantol fail.
12/08	Dragnov Forces penetrate the border at Slotal. Orfeld becomes a battlefront.
19/09	Karson on the Martaff front falls. The 9th Army of Regium withdraws to Bikaoh
24/09	Bashto on the Orfeld front was captured. The 5th Army of Regium withdraws to the east bank of the Testa river.
08/10	The remnants of the 7th Army of Regium finally crosses the Hapasia mountains. The 10th Army is reformed.
21/11	Léobo on the Martaff front falls.

Regium re-establishes a defensive front between Bikaoh – Kugal and Kirass. The Dragnov offensive slows and stagnates.

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04/03	Oratea on the Orfeld front captured by the Federation. The 5th Army of Regium retreats to Etou.
13/04	The 5th Army of Regium is surrounded by Dragnov Irregulars in Jurass and Bletzen.
28/04	The Dragov forces begin a new offensive on the Martaff front. The Battle of Verglad begins.
27/05	The Dragnov Air Force begins intense bombing of Solgrenne, Ladzė and Otėnichi
31/05	The 8th Army of Regium and the Marines begin Operation Chariot in Adicha, advancing to the north.
01/06	Naval battles take place in the straits of Ostorif. The Regium Marines are totally destroyed.
18/06	Jurass on the Etou front falls. The 21st Battalion of the 5th Army of Regium surrenders.
21/06	The 3rd Army of Regium falls back from Seygel and begins to withdraw towards Lansbar.
27/06	The country of Londas officially turns down Regium's request for aid in the war. The 38th Battalion of the 5th Army of Regium breaks the siege of Bletzen. The 11th Army is reformed at Zarau.
16/07	Dragnov forces land at Constanza
03/09	The 3rd Army of Regium establishes a defensive front on Aldo, Stemila
11/09	The 10th and 12th Armies of Regium are reformed.
24/09	Heavy bombardment of Solgrenne begins.
17/10	"The Avalanche of Hapasia" The 12th Army of Regium begins an intense offensive against the flanks of the Dragnov forces stationed at Lavolte. The 9th Army of Regium slowly advances.
20/10	Ismaïl is captured by the 12th Army of Regium.
26/10	The 90th Company of the 12th Army of Regium is stopped by Dragnov forces on the west bank of the Buldava river
28/10	The 90th Company of the 12th Army of Regium crosses the Buldava at Toresh.
13/11	The 12th Army of Regium fails to capture Kent. The entire operation collapses completely.
15/11	Dragnov forces successfully close the breach opened by the 12th Army of Regium. The latter is forced to retreat.
21/11	The 9th Army of Regium retreats from Occhani and is integrated into the 1st Army of Regium.
29/11	The 8th Army of Regium retreats from the west bank of the Danan.
23/12	Dragnov forces overwhelm the Verglad front, while the Armies of Regium destroy all opposition on the Martaff front.
30/12	The 2nd Army of Regium comes under siege at Gartolina

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02/03	Gartoline is captured. The 2nd Army of Regium surrenders.
11/03	The 1st Army of Regium withdraws from the Sambienna-Sizide front. Reforms the defensive line at Barcia.
07/04	The 11th Army of Regium surrenders at Zarau
18/04	"Recommendation of Gartolina" Dragnov communicates a recommendation for Regium to surrender unconditionally
04/05	The 8th Army of Regium counter-attacks from Krashty. The army retreats 5 days later
22/06	Dragnov launches an all-out assault on Barcia.
02/07	Sambienna is captured. The 1st Army of Regium is totally wiped out.
05/07	Dragnov forces deploy a new type of long range, high yield, sub atmospheric missile. The town of Falam is totally obliterated.
07/07	The Government of Regium requests for talks with Dragnov for a peace treaty.
15/07	Ratification of the "Peace of Toras". The Armies of Regium collectively surrender.
17/07	The 3rd Army of Regium refuses to recognize the surrender. The army installs a provisional military government at Alba Julia

CARD OF THE INVASION BY THE DRAGNOV ARMY

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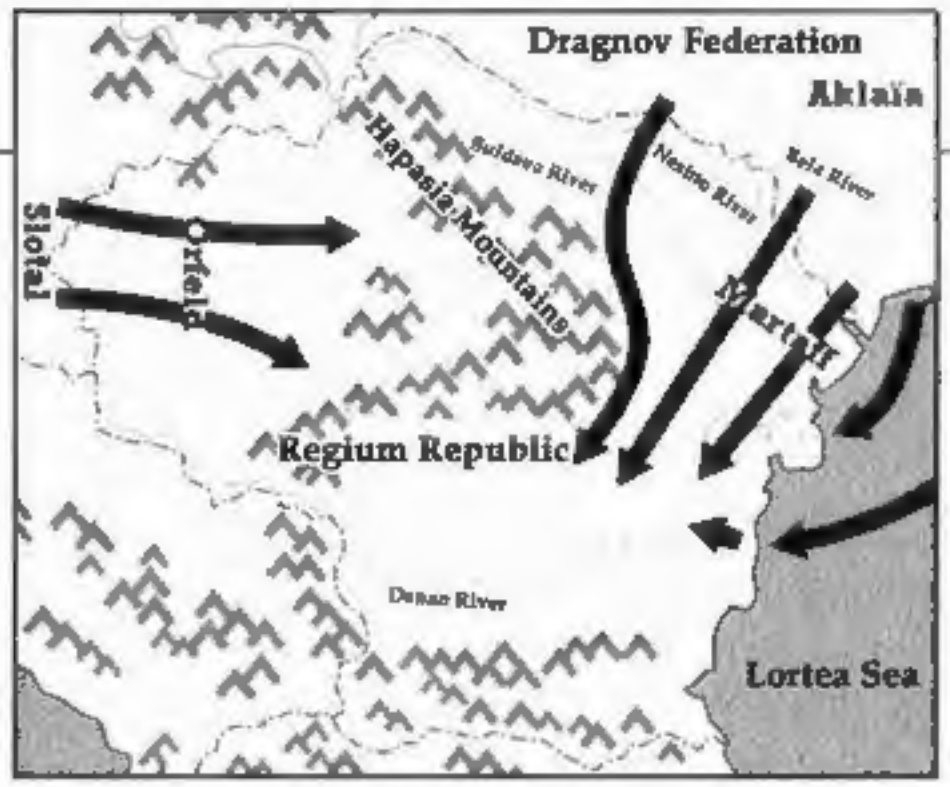
FORCES AT THE WAR TIME



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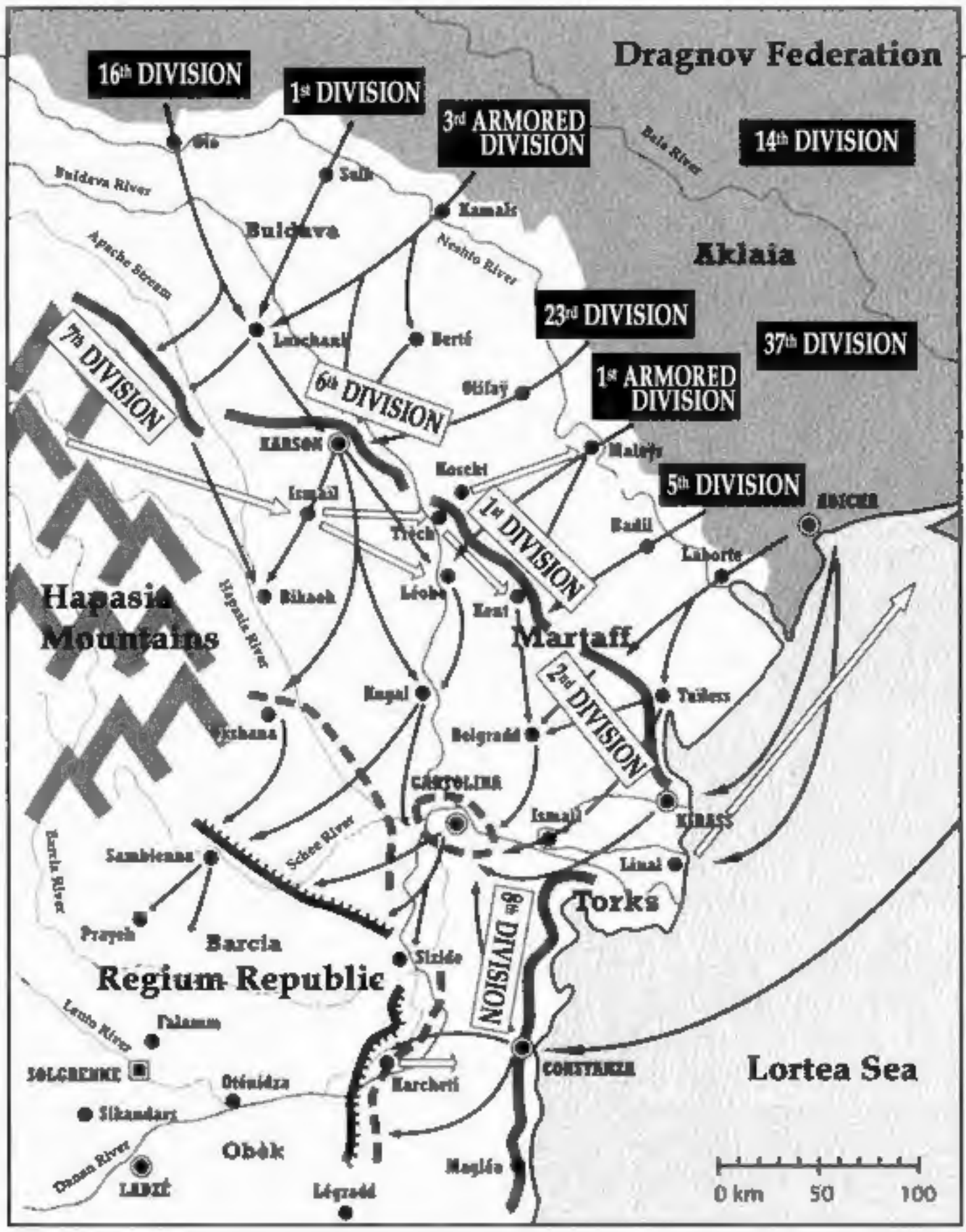

FRONTLINES

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The Federation of Dragnov, which projected a great " reunification ", began by annexing the old territory of the kingdom of Loumis, and followed by invading Aklaia, on the border of the Republic of Regium on the third day of the twelfth month of year 179 GU. Under the pretext of protecting the Estonian population installed in the area of Martaff, the Dragnov army invaded the east bank of the Neshto river. On the twelfth of the same month, the army began the military invasion of the opposite bank, with 76 divisions whose core consisted of no less than 12 armoured divisions.

However, Regium had formed a large army to counter the Dragnov offense, and so began a series of counter-attacks and resistance movements. The soldiers of Regium fought bitterly against the Dragnov offensive. Regium was opposed to the Dragnov Parliament's decision of reunification. Because of unfavourable conditions such as winter and marshy territory, the Dragnov forces slowed down. The battle-front was thus immobilized for a long period of time. Because the Dragnov offensive with their system of terrestrial and naval defense wasn't completely effective, they had to quickly establish a second front (the front of Orfeld), eight months after the beginning of the engagements. But, the army of Regium, which had prepared well, tackled this new front methodically. None of the two countries succeeded in gaining a real advantage over the other and both entered a war of attrition which lasted two years and eight months. The Dragnov Army, although extremely advanced and supported by a strong air force, could only advance 400 km in one year. The extremely slow advance was a fatal blow to the moral of Dragnov's soldiers.

The long war was taking its toll on both Regium and Dragnov, the two countries were in a state of complete devastation and their respective forces were exhausted. This was particularly the case for Regium, where the engagements were intense and destructive. The impoverishment of the country and the exhaustion of the population during the war could be seen across the nation. After almost three years of fighting, Regium's strength had been incredible drained. Because of the heavy bombardment, Martaff and Orfeld, the two principal agricultural areas of the country, were terribly affected. Production of foodstuffs was limited. Areas of heavy industry, mainly concentrated in Torks were also bombarded, slowing down the production of weapons and military equipment.

While the armed forces of Regium were declining, the army of Dragnov began to strengthen little by little. Although Regium's withdrawal seemed inconceivable, the retreat was a total rout. The "Lavine Plan", which originated at the famous "Avalanche of Hapasia", an offensive plan which utterly failed. Along with the 'Lavine Plan' the great naval battle that took place in Ostorif caused the complete defeat of Regium's navy, followed by the unloading missed by Constanza, the battle of Verglad and the capitulation of the second army in Gartolina. Regium's defeat was at hand. During the seventh month, 182 GU, the defensive front of the army of Regium was reduced to nothing. In order to put an end to the bloodshed, the Regium government requested a peace treaty from the Dragnov Federation. On the fifteenth of the same month, the ratification of the peace treaty of Toras put an end to the war.

The Regium army had suffered very heavy losses: 2.2 million soldiers found dead at the time of this war. The forces of the Federation of Dragnov had fared little better. Nearly two million men perished during the engagements, an enormous toll for the winner of the conflict. One would be right to think that this is why Dragnov rather easily agreed to sign a peace treaty with the Republic of Regium, unconditionally recognizing the sovereignty of the country - without any change, in fact. Political analysts agree on the fact that Dragnov did not want to cause the complete fall of Solgrenne, the capital of Regium. It would have resulted in a lot more casualties, and would have made the eventual annexing of Regium much more difficult. Some strange facts remain, that Dragnov had clearly admitted to an intention to annex the republic, giving the nation ample time to prepare for the invasion. Also, why did the Federation of Dragnov choose to begin it's campaign in winter, when the snows would severely hinder the mobility of it's forces? The beginnings of the war clearly showed that these conditions were the major points hampering what would otherwise have been a relatively quick victory for the Federation. The question is, why did the leaders of Dragnov agree to go ahead with the plan under those conditions? That question remains one of the greatest mysteries of modern history.

GENERAL FILES

The Dragnov Federation: The Dragnov Federation consists of three Estonian countries - Aklaia, Parsenne and Slotal - and was founded after the fall of the kingdom of Loumis. It has been a democratic federal State since the ratification of the Treaty of Kiyb in year 129. The leading nation in the federation is Aklaia. Even though the right of independence of each country is guaranteed by the constitution, the political power of the three federal Presidents remains weak. The executive power is held by the prerogative federal Parliament.
Approximate population: 120 million.
Capital: Gayer Borispal.

The Regium Republic: The Regium Republic was established in the year 87 GU, after the fall of the kingdom of Loumis (and the Sylvaine Great Dynasty), following what was called "the Black Revolution", a great nationalist popular movement born within the inhabitants of Legtos. The Regium Republic has adopted a system of republican democracy, the supreme institution of the country being its "Council of Representatives". Its constitution ensures the separation of the three branches of the government, however according to the legislation, the Chairman of the Council must also assume responsibility as "President of the Administration". This results in a situation where separation of the administration and the legislation becomes purely nominal.
Approximate population: 57 million.
Capital: Solgrenne.

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